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Dissertation Title	The same pieces to a different puzzle? Comparing radicalisation towards right-wing and Islamist extremism

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

Reviewer 1 Initial Grade A4 [19]	*Reviewer 2 Initial Grade* A4 [19]	*Late Submission Penalty* no penalty

Word Count Penalty *(1-15% over/under = 1gr point; 15-20% over/under = 2 gr points; 20-25% over/under = 3 gr points; more than 25% over/under = 0 fail)*

Word Count: *21979* **Suggested Penalty:** *no penalty no penalty (note they are a Route B student)*

JOINT GRADING (subject to agreement of the external examiner and approval at Joint Exam Board)

Final Agreed Mark. *(Following correspondence reviewers should list the agreed final internal grade taking before and after any penalties to be applied).*

Before Penalty: *A4 [19]*   **After Penalty:** n.a.

DISSERTATION FEEDBACK

Assessment Criteria	Rating
A. Structure and Development of Answer This refers to your organisational skills and ability to construct an argument in a coherent and original manner	
• *Originality of topic*	Very Good
• *Coherent set of research questions and/or hypothesis identified*	Very Good
• *Appropriate methodology and evidence of effective organisation of work*	Excellent
• *Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions*	Very Good
• *Application of theory and/or concepts*	Excellent
B. Use of Source Material This refers to your skills to select and use relevant information and data in a correct manner	
• *Evidence of reading and review of published literature*	Excellent
• *Selection of relevant primary and/or secondary evidence to support argument*	Excellent
• *Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence*	Very Good
• *Accuracy of factual data*	Very Good
C. Academic Style This refers to your ability to write in a formal academic manner	
• *Appropriate formal and clear writing style*	Very Good

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• *Accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation*	Very Good
• *Consistent and accurate referencing (including complete bibliography)*	Excellent
• *Is the dissertation free from plagiarism?*	Yes
• *Evidence of ethics approval included (if required based on methodology)*	No
• *Appropriate word count*	Yes

ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

This is a high-quality dissertation on an interesting and important topic. The author has demonstrated an excellent understanding of the research process and has developed a clear line of argument that is situated within a clear literature and supported by empirical evidence. The literature review is extensive and well-presented, even if there were some parts that could perhaps have been edited down to improve the clarity and conciseness of the review. The author has done a good job of conducting their interviews and the subsequent analysis of transcripts in an ethical and transparent manner. The findings themselves are interesting and demonstrate the value of the chosen research design – by allowing the interviewed professionals to identify the main factors in radicalisation in their own words. It would have been interesting for the author to more directly probe some of their interviewees responses – particularly about when radicalisation does not occur despite the existence of some of the factors in the 'radicalisation puzzle'. They gesture towards this at points in the analysis, but this would have been a good avenue to explore further. However, this doesn't take away from what is an excellent piece of work. Well done.

It should be noted that the ethics application was not included as part of the files I was sent to grade. However, as the student's supervisor I can confirm that ethics approval was granted following review by the College of Social Science ethics committee, as noted by the student in their methods chapter.

Reviewer 2

Overall, this dissertation is very good and I am very happy with it. You have chosen an important topic that needs much more research on. The structure of the work is very good and all the main ingredients are there. I am happy with the embedding in the literature, the design of the project and the empirical material. Your analysis is very good and improves our knowledge on the area.

I would recommend a bit more work on:

(1) Introduction and conclusion could be a bit more substantial, outlining more clearly the puzzle of the research, the design, and, eventually, a summary of the findings.

(2) The paragraphing and signposting could be improved at times.

(3) A little bit more structure to the literature review as to how all these separate fields relate to one another.

Nonetheless, this is a very good dissertation – I am very happy with it! Many congratulations!