

IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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Dissertation Title	The Economic Warfare of the European Union against Russia: An Assessment of the Political Effects

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

Reviewer 1 Initial Grade	Reviewer 2 Initial Grade	Late Submission Penalty N/A
Word Count Penalty (1-15% over/under = 1 gr point; 15-20% over/under = 2 gr points; 20-25% over/under = 3 gr points; more than 25% over/under = 0 fail) Word Count: 20722 Suggested Penalty: no penalty		

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: A5 [18] After Penalty: A5 [18]

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	
• <i>Originality of topic</i>	Excellent
• <i>Coherent set of research questions and/or hypothesis identified</i>	Excellent
• <i>Appropriate methodology and evidence of effective organisation of work</i>	Excellent
• <i>Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions</i>	Excellent
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	Excellent
B. Use of Source Material	
This refers to your skills to select and use relevant information and data in a correct manner	
• <i>Evidence of reading and review of published literature</i>	Excellent
• <i>Selection of relevant primary and/or secondary evidence to support argument</i>	Excellent
• <i>Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence</i>	Very Good
• <i>Accuracy of factual data</i>	Excellent
C. Academic Style	
This refers to your ability to write in a formal academic manner	
• <i>Appropriate formal and clear writing style</i>	Excellent
• <i>Accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation</i>	Excellent
• <i>Consistent and accurate referencing (including complete bibliography)</i>	Excellent

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• <i>Is the dissertation free from plagiarism?</i>	Yes
• <i>Evidence of ethics approval included (if required based on methodology)</i>	Not required
• <i>Appropriate word count</i>	Yes

ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

The economic sanctions enjoy increasing popularity among western policymakers. However, the ability of sanctions to achieve their political objectives vis-a-vis the target states remains questionable at best. This dissertation contributes to the growing literature about the effectiveness of sanctions with a timely case study of the EU sanctions against Russia.

There is much to like about this dissertation. First, it clearly delineates its objectives. Second, it is continuously situated in the existing literature about economic sanctions. Third, it uses appropriate methodology and clearly outlines how it measures the success of economic sanctions. Fourth, it is empirically knowledgeable. Last, it explicitly answers its questions, makes sound conclusions, and discusses its implication for theory and policy.

My only critical comment (and this is a minor one) goes to the discussion of the political effects of individual rounds of the EU's sanctions against Russia. I think Russia's reaction to them could have been introduced in more detail as this is a critical part of measuring the success of economic sanctions. This critique, however, does not challenge the overall positive impression. Overall, I think this is an excellent dissertation.

Reviewer 2

The dissertation deals with a very topical issue. The topic of economic warfare in its effects has been studied for some time now and there is interesting literature on the effects. The candidate has compiled a sufficient bibliography, but it could be supplemented with the articles/books by Giumelli (on the effectiveness of sanctions) and by Mulder (a very interesting book on economic warfare as it developed between the two world wars). The description of the sanctions packages adds little to the overall work. The work is interesting and certainly deserves a positive assessment.