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Dissertation Title	Adapting the Good Practices of Offline De-radicalisation and Disengagement Programmes Online: a New Approach to Online Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism (P/CVE)

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

Reviewer 1 Initial Grade A3 [20]	Reviewer 2 Initial Grade A3/20	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: 20 526 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: A3/20 **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	
• <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>	Very Good
• <i>Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence</i>	Excellent
• <i>Accuracy of factual data</i>	Excellent
C. Academic Style	
This refers to your ability to write in a formal academic manner	

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• <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
• <i>Is the dissertation free from plagiarism?</i>	Yes
• <i>Evidence of ethics approval included (if required based on methodology)</i>	Yes
• <i>Appropriate word count</i>	Yes

ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

The thesis covers a relatively under-researched topic of online de-radicalisation and disengagement. While there is an ever-growing body of literature focused on off-line (de-)radicalisation, there is much less information available on online de-radicalisation and disengagement measures. While this is largely due to the relative lack of such measures, the available literature on radicalization often highlights the importance of social media, instant messaging and videocall platforms. As such, it is worth exploring the potential of these online tools for online de-radicalisation and disengagement programmes. Thus, the thesis covers an original topic.

The objectives are clearly stated and justified. The author has managed to find, read and incorporate key insights from the booming (de-)radicalisation literature. This allowed her to identify a set of good practices from three de-radicalisation and disengagement programmes implemented in Western Europe (Germany, France, and UK) and analyse the extent to which these practices could be turned into online prevent and counter violent extremism measures. Moreover, it also allowed her to critically discuss the potential limits of these online measures, especially when it comes to data protection.

Unfortunately, the author was not able to conduct the planned semi-structured interviews with security practitioners who work or used to work in the studied programmes. To a large extent, this was a consequence of the limitations set by the Ethics Committee which specified e-mail as the only communication channel for the author to get in touch with the staff members in each programme studied. As such, the analysis performed in the thesis is only based on publicly available information and without further interviews or field research, all recommendations and findings are tentative.

However, the thesis is well structured and overall well written and it certainly meets the general requirements for this type of work.

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.

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Nonetheless, this is a very good dissertation.