

## IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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<b>Dissertation Title</b>	Where are the women? Gender Sensitivity in Deradicalization Strategies for Female Foreign Terrorist Fighters in Germany

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

<b>Final Agreed Mark:</b> A3 [20]
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### DISSERTATION FEEDBACK

Assessment Criteria	Rating
<b>A. Structure and Development of Answer</b>	
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>	Very Good
• <i>Appropriate methodology and evidence of effective organisation of work</i>	Very Good
• <i>Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions</i>	Very Good
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	Very Good
<b>B. Use of Source Material</b>	
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>	Very Good
• <i>Accuracy of factual data</i>	Very Good
<b>C. Academic Style</b>	
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>	Very Good
• <i>Is the dissertation free from plagiarism?</i>	Yes
• <i>Evidence of ethics approval included (if required based on methodology)</i>	Yes

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- *Appropriate word count*

Yes

### ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

#### **Reviewer 1**

This is a solid piece of research. It's innovative in that it deals with a timely and an under-researched phenomenon. With the emergence of the Islamic State, the phenomenon of female jihadism has become an important topic that needs particular attention. Given Germany's important as a reservoir of female jihadists, the author's investigation is much needed as it sheds light on the process of deradicalization from the female angle. Following several discussions, the author has done a fairly good job restructuring the thesis to make sure the general concept of female deradicalization - and the importance thereof - is first explained. Then, the author switches their attention to the German case, drawing her insights from expert interviews. I consider this an important source of information; ideally, another subset of data might have been used, as well, to broaden the spectrum of available data. Apart from that, the thesis is well-structured and focused. The argument is clear and straightforward. The thesis has a good practical value as it speaks to a growing body of literature, both empirical and practical.

#### **Reviewer 2**

This study examines an academically and practically important topic. The paper is well written and well structured, reveals knowledge of the core literature and key concepts, and advances a set of clear arguments. I particularly liked the theoretical section on gender-sensitive deradicalisation. The qualitative content analysis (QCA) was carried out in a clear manner. The seven elite interviews may not have provided the same level of detail as returnees but I understand that interviewing the latter was not feasible. That aside, the student has produced a really nice study.