

## IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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<b>Dissertation Title</b>	Western women and violent jihad: analysis of ISIS' gendered propaganda and UK's counterterrorism strategies

<p><b>Word Count Penalty</b> (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)</p> <p><b>Word Count:</b> 21456 <b>Suggested Penalty:</b> no penalty</p>		

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

**Final Agreed Mark :** B2 [16]

### 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>	Very Good
• <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>	Excellent
<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>	Good
• <i>Accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation</i>	Good
• <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>	Not required
• <i>Appropriate word count</i>	Yes

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### **ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS**

#### **Reviewer 1**

This is a solid dissertation, which competently tackles an intriguing issue through an adequate methodological approach and showcasing some interesting research work. I thought that the draft indulged too much on some ultimately redundant background information: chapter 1-2 could have fused into one, more-to-the-point literature review, freeing some space for a more precise, and indeed necessary, segment locating why focus on the United Kingdom helped addressing the overarching question of this thesis. What is missing, in my views, is a connecting argument that firmly anchored the issues to be treated here to the UK scenario, highlighting how the formulation and the ensuing implementation of specific counter-terrorist policies tackled ISIS propaganda targeting women. It seemed that with better and more focused planning, this dissertation could have done more justice to the great research work showcased here.

#### **Reviewer 2**

The reviewed thesis is a fairly original piece of research dealing with a timely topic. It's theoretically driven, methodologically rigorous. The thesis is centered on a workable objective; it works with a narrowly identified research problem; draws on a solid corpus of literature. Analytical and well-written, the thesis offers a fascinating journey into the world of ISIS media engaged in luring Western women into the trap of a military jihadist organization. Apart from presenting a vast amount of data, the thesis makes clear general arguments as it successfully evaluates the ISIS propaganda via the researched lens. The work is generally well-researched; well-structured; and enhances our understanding of a key phenomenon of security studies. I suggest the author considers publishing their work in the form of a scholarly article.