

IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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Dissertation Title	Inside the Lions' Den: Ideological differentiation in the Palestinian armed resistance

<p>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)</p> <p>Word Count: 23856 Suggested Penalty: no penalty</p>		

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

Final Agreed Mark: A2 [21]

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>	Very Good
• <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>	Very Good
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>	Excellent
• <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>	Very Good
• <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

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- *Appropriate word count*

Yes

ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

This is a highly original piece of work. It draws on a solid knowledge of literature on (ideological) outbidding to shed light on why (and how) a newly emerged Palestinian armed group has outpaced its rich competition. The thesis is well-organized, well-argued and well-written. It makes a straightforward argument, showing excellent knowledge of theory and empirical data. It deploys a sensible methodology that the author discussed in a comprehensive way. The empirical section is rich, yet focused at the same time. The entire publication keeps its focus on the defines objective and arrives at clear conclusions that have both general and empirical implications. The thesis is an excellent one and upon successful defense, I recommend the author considers its publication.

Reviewer 2

The thesis is well-structured, original and well-written. Its topic is pertinent to the programme of study, showing that the student is able to elaborate upon its content in an original manner. The thesis draws on a substantial number of scholarly publications, comparing and contrasting them, showing awareness of how academic debates are structured and how intervene in them. In general, the thesis attains most of the intended learning outcomes, utilises a comprehensive range of materials in a critical way. The lit review is good, complete and sharp. The methodological section is rich, and discusses specific methods and hypothesis-making strategies. I randomly checked references searching for AI plagiarism, but they looked fine. Also, the candidate uses pointed references which is encouraging. An impressive thesis.