

IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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Dissertation Title	The Hidden Debt Scandal in Mozambique: Analysing the Impact of Elite Corruption on Human Security

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

	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: 23,537 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: C1 [14] **After Penalty:** C1 [14]

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>	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>	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. 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>	Very Good
• <i>Selection of relevant primary and/or secondary evidence to support argument</i>	Good
• <i>Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence</i>	Good
• <i>Accuracy of factual data</i>	Good
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>	Very 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

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- *Appropriate word count*

Yes

ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

A clear research question is set out this thesis, which then makes a careful analysis of how Mozambique fared in terms of human security following the corruption scandal which affected the country's debt, governance, and credit rating. This is properly tied in to theory of human security, which is then measured using a number of different dimensions. The limitations of operationalising human security in this way are noted. Data from a variety of sources are accessed. There is appropriate caution in not claiming a straightforward causal link between corruption and human security, but some interesting and noteworthy correlations are highlighted. Overall, a good case is made for regarding the debt and corruption issues as manifesting themselves in terms of human security. The thesis is well structured, draws on an appropriate literature, and makes its argument in a cautious and coherent way.

Reviewer 2

I agree with the first reviewer's assessment. The dissertation offers a clear research question and demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the case and historical context. However, the execution could be improved in places notably more emphasis on critical analysis and evaluation of the evidence. This should, however, not detract from what is a good piece of work.