

## IMSISS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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<b>Dissertation Title</b>	Radicalised Masculinity: Ontological Security, Extremist Ideologies, and the Rise of Andrew Tate

<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> 20998 <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:** A4 [19]

### 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>	Excellent
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	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>	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>	Not required

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- *Appropriate word count*

Yes

### ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

#### **Reviewer 1**

I think it is fair to premit that I have never been on TikTok, I had never heard about Andrew Tate (before reading this thesis) and I am not familiar with politically engaged feminist research. As such, it has not been easy for me to appreciate the relevance of the research topic. Having said that, the thesis is built on a clear research question and a set of expectations. The review of various strands of the literature seems competent, except the part on the Far Right, which is confused with Radical Right Populism (with important repercussions in the interpretation of data). In addition, the discussion of a putative link between mysoginy and terrorism is, at best, smokey. The theoretical and methodological chapters are both solid, leading to an original empirical research. The interpretation of results is affected by earlier confusion between Populism and Far Right, two distinct concepts that might (or might not) manifest themselves together. More precisely, the student presents clearly populist themes (widely used also by left-wing populist actors) as Far Right themes. On the other hand, it is surprising that the student does not use the pervasiveness of hyerarchy in Tate's discourse and his acceptance of systemic hyerarchy, coupled with suggestions on how to climb-up as an individual (e.g. "I said don't be fucking average") to link this type of discourse to Far Right ideologies (or right-wing ideologies in general). Yet, the main point on onthological insecurity as an emotional spring to trigger mysogenous attitudes is very convincing. The student also shows a strong awareness of the empirical limits of her research.

#### **Reviewer 2**

As a complete outsider to the topic, both in theoretical and empirical terms, I feel competent to only comment on the general research design of the thesis and its (general) findings. First off, the thesis is well-written and well-structured. It explains an intersection of novel epistemological approaches with the concept of masculinity and the empirical case study of AT in a quite understandable way, which is appreciated by people like the supervisor and myself. That's not an easy task given how many (new) things are going on in the thesis. However, at times, the author confused some concept he/she uses: populism and ultra-right are clearly distinct phenomena and they shouldn't be lumped together. The author appears to be drawing on solid knowledge of theoretical and empirical literature. The thesis - most of the time - keeps focused on the research questions outlined in the introduction. While I've learned more from this thesis that I might be willing to admit, being unaware of this strand of research, a quick google scholar search helped me discover that the exact topic of this thesis hasn't been covered yet, so the author presents a fairly innovative piece of work that comes close to casting light on the intersection of important phenomena.