

IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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Dissertation Title	Unifying a Divided Nation: Exploring the Challenges and Prospects for Peaceful Korean Reunification

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

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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>	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>	Excellent
• <i>Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions</i>	Excellent
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	Excellent
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>	Excellent
• <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>	Not required

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- *Appropriate word count*

Yes

ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

The thesis conducts an in-depth analysis of South Korean's attitudes toward the reunification of the divided nation. Utilizing statistical analysis, the study investigates the mediating effects of threat perception towards reunification and weapons possession on the relationship between attitudes towards North Koreans and reunification sentiments. Socio-demographic variables such as gender, age, region, marital status, education level, and income level are also meticulously analyzed to discern distinctive patterns and trends.

The thesis stands out for its comprehensive approach to understanding the intricacies of reunification sentiments. It is commendable for its thoroughness and depth. Notably, it reviews an impressive bulk of literature, ensuring that the research is grounded in a rich academic context. This extensive literature review provides a foundation upon which the study's findings can be compared and contrasted.

Moreover, the research consistently employs theoretical frameworks, enhancing its analytical rigor and ensuring that the interpretations are not just data-driven but also theory-informed. The use of statistical analysis to understand the mediating effects of threat perceptions, combined with the meticulous examination of socio-demographic variables, showcases the study's comprehensive approach.

There is always some room for improvement, and the thesis contains some minor issues with clarity and cohesion between the theoretical and empirical parts. However, these issues are relatively minor and cannot overshadow the overall excellence.

Reviewer 2

I agree with the first reviewer that while there is some room for improvement on some minor aspects, this should detract from what is already an excellent piece of work.