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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	23
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	28
Total		80	59
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	2
	Formal requirements	5	2
Total		20	12
TOTAL		100	71



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This dissertation focuses on a politically as well as intellectually very relevant issue of France's acceptance of emergency measures against terrorism. The author tries to identify the securitisation discourse legitimising the emergency measures.

The text builds on a competent introduction of the securitisation theory and a literature review. Van Leeuwen's conceptual framework is adequately utilised to structure the empirical analysis.

Though I appreciate the author's rigorous approach that points out the discursive figures legitimising the introduction of emergency measures, the overall argument lacks sufficient depth. Moreover, the connection between the legitimisation of emergency measures and securitisation of Islam is somewhat underexplored.

Minor criteria:

The text suffers from quite a few formal and stylistic deficiencies. It is apparent that the author was completing the work in a rush and did not have sufficient time for the final polishing.

Overall evaluation:

Although this dissertation leaves something to be desired, it is a piece of writing that is accessible to the reader, brings interesting information, and proves the author's research competences.

Suggested grade: C

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