

## IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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<b>Dissertation Title</b>	Comparative local and global discursive strategies of the Suidlanders: How right-wing extremist factions use discursive strategies to construct identities

### INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

<b>Reviewer 1 Initial Grade</b> Select from drop down list	<b>Reviewer 2 Initial Grade</b> Select from drop down list	<b>Late Submission Penalty</b> Select from drop down list
<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)		
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### 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:** A5 [18]      **After Penalty:** A5 [18]

### DISSERTATION FEEDBACK

<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	<b>Rating</b>
<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>	Excellent
• <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>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>	Excellent
• <i>Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence</i>	Excellent
• <i>Accuracy of factual data</i>	Excellent
<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>	Excellent
• <i>Is the dissertation free from plagiarism?</i>	Yes

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| • Evidence of ethics approval included (if required based on methodology) | -Select from list- |
| • Appropriate word count  | Yes                |

### ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

#### **Reviewer 1**

All front matter, including title page, Abstract, ToC, is present and correct.

Appropriate title and sub-title are supplied.

This dissertation analyses discursive outputs of the Suidlanders, a whites-only “civil defence organization,” which asserts that a race war aiming to exterminate the white race in South Africa is inevitable. The large dataset is based on transcripts produced from YouTube videos featuring the Suidlander's main spokesperson.

The focus in the dissertation on a non-Western extreme right group is original and welcome. The research question is clearly stated and pursued consistently throughout the text. methodologically, the work is overall solid. The description and application of the CDA approach could have been improved however.

Overall, this is a thorough and sophisticated piece of analysis.

#### **Reviewer 2**

The dissertation intends to investigate discursively constructed identities of Suidlanders, which are formed through various means of political communication targeting the sympathizers. This is a solid disciplinary research of right-wing extremism in an interesting empirical context. The applied conceptual framework is based on historical critical discourse analysis (CDA), which, moreover, informs the investigation methodologically. This is a robust foundation for the subsequently presented empirical analysis. The analysis itself profits from the author’s clear domain expertise as well as from their ability to interpret the data in line with CDA. However, considering the breadth and depth of the analysis, the analytical framework might have been developed in a more detailed way, providing a fine-grained view on the data and helping the reader to grasp all relevant nuances in full. Overall, once again, this is a solid piece of research, demonstrating that the author understands the field of extremism studies and its methods well.