

IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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Dissertation Title	Human security and the Nigerian counterterrorism policy: Is the Nigerian counterterrorism policy human security centred?

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

Reviewer 1 Initial Grade Select from drop down list	Reviewer 2 Initial Grade C2 [13]	Late Submission Penalty no penalty
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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>	Good
• <i>Coherent set of research questions and/or hypothesis identified</i>	Weak
• <i>Appropriate methodology and evidence of effective organisation of work</i>	Satisfactory
• <i>Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions</i>	Satisfactory
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	Weak
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>	Good
• <i>Selection of relevant primary and/or secondary evidence to support argument</i>	Good
• <i>Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence</i>	Weak
• <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>	Satisfactory
• <i>Accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation</i>	Satisfactory
• <i>Consistent and accurate referencing (including complete bibliography)</i>	Satisfactory
• <i>Is the dissertation free from plagiarism?</i>	Yes
• <i>Evidence of ethics approval included (if required based on methodology)</i>	Not required
• <i>Appropriate word count</i>	No

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ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

Reviewer 2

This thesis attempts to ascertain whether, and if so, to what extent/where, human security has been incorporated into the Nigerian national counter-terrorism strategy. The structure of the thesis is convoluted by jumping between parts and chapters, where some parts (e.g. Part II) do not contain any chapters, just "components". When it comes to structural features, a lit-review, methods (though "a human security approach" has nothing to do with methods, not even being a concept) and the actual empirical analysis. I think the research question is not productively chosen (being answerable by a binary yes/no options, verging on the banal). The "definition" of human security seems to me too short and weak, also compared to the better discussion of terrorism and counterterrorism. One reason is that the author is dependent for assessment components of human security on the very governmental documents it tries to study. This is indeed a problematic take on the topic as it doesn't allow the author to develop a more independent/intellectually critical position. A more philosophical problem I see in the thesis is an implicit yet steady belief by the author that more human security means better counter-terrorism strategy. While I agree that a wider and more comprehensive approach to terrorism needs to be sought, I think the very problem of the found gap between the levels of official discourse (official references to human security) and practice (no human security oriented practices) shows how an empty yet popular signifier could be a part of the problem rather than a solution. That leads me to dispute the conclusion that it was a lack of human security at the policy level that can explain the governmental failure in countering the terrorist practices of Boko Haram. I think it is a vast oversimplification to be arguing this.