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# Thesis evaluation Wouter Brons

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## Thesis details:

**Title:** The birth of homonationalism: An analysis of the development of Dutch homonationalism 1990-2002

## Is the thesis in your assessment free of plagiarism?

Yes to my knowledge the thesis is free of plagiarism

I have read the whole thesis very carefully and I may assure that it is an original work based on empirical research conducted by the the Atuhor.

## Can the thesis be made publicly available in the Leiden University Repository?

by M. Galent: it can be made public throught the repository.

## Summary assessment/comments

In my opinion, the thesis deserves to obtain the highest grade. The research question, the way it was presented in a broader social and academic framework, the fact that the Author implemented interdisciplinary approach with a high level of self-reflexivity and serious probability of the risk it involved show that the thesis was written by a mature student, very well skilled in methodological tools and with high theoretical awareness. The research project was conducted very well even though there were some negative objective circumstances. The outcome of the data analysis is perfectly presented in the thesis and I have learnt that some hypotheses were confirmed and other disproved. What else to expect from a master student?

## Criteria

### Knowledge and insight

The research question is very well chosen and reflects the level a master student should be able to deal with. More, I would even acknowledge that the interdisciplinary approach taken and empirical finery demonstrated show that the Author's academic skills are quite exceptional. Perhaps it would be good to embrace more European literature on this issue, but it is just a remark not criticism.

**Assessment:** very good

**Weighing:** n/a

### Application knowledge and insight

The adopted methods are very well chosen, justified and explained, one could even say that in certain moments even explained too pedantically. There is also an impressive appendix with empirical data presented in a meticulous way. The methods are perfectly utilized. there is no doubt about it.

I would advise the Author to broaden a little bit the conceptual framework and take the the main one with a bit of salt while transferring a bit too uncritically the concept of 'homonationalism' from the American context to the European one. Thankfully, the Author's own work brought him to similar outcomes, which can only stress the reliability of the research project. It would be good to compare, or at least mention the concept of 'femonationalism' which has already attracted significant attention from some European scholars.

**Assessment:** very good

**Weighing:** n/a

## Reaching conclusions

The whole work is very well thought out and precisely planned. The perfect composition makes reading very simple and easy and the argumentation is logically laid out. The research question is fully, creatively and critically answered. It should be stressed here, that the Author was not afraid to act fully independently and present openly these parts of research which did not confirm some hypotheses. Well done!

**Assessment:** very good

**Weighing:** n/a

## Communication

Very well written and presented thesis. Additional points for carefully presented appendixes. As far as know, the thesis were written during the pandemic and that caused many complications as the work was based on empirical materials and data located in closed libraries. Thus, the thesis must have been completed in a limited period of time, so I may assume that it should be awarded another round of extra points.

**Assessment:** very good

**Weighing:** n/a

## Formal requirements

Everything fine.

# Final assessment

This thesis is graded with a 9

## Signatures



M. Galent