

# Thesis evaluation Lea Siebel

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Programme: European Politics and Society

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Thesis details:

Title: Between theory and practice: The African Peace Facility and

the securitization of EU development policy

Is the thesis in your assessment free of plagiarism?

Yes to my knowledge the thesis is free of plagiarism

I did not notice anything resembling non-original writing or thinking (no plagiarism).

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

by Y. Karagiannis: it can be made public throught the repository.

## Summary assessment/comments

A very good thesis. It could have been an excellent one had it delved deeper into issues of methodology (research design, case selection, hypothesis-testing or issues pertaining to the burden of proof for the argument, etc).

### Criteria

#### Knowledge and insight

There is little published interpretative work on EU development policy seen through the lens of securitization theory. And the small existing literature does not deal with exactly the same sub-policy area.

**Assessment:** good **Weighing:** n/a

### Application knowledge and insight

Good usage of concepts, excellent usage of secondary sources, but very short on methodology (research design, content analysis procedures, etc).

Assessment: good Weighing: n/a

#### Reaching conclusions

The conclusions are well-founded and follow logically (and, I should add, in great intellectual honesty) from he presented material.

#### Communication

Some typos, but overall excellent structure and use of language. Good and well-presented references.

**Assessment:** very good **Weighing:** n/a

## Formal requirements

Very good

### Final assessment

This thesis is graded with a 8.3

# Signatures

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