

## IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

<b>Student Matriculation No.</b>	<b>Glasgow 2481986S DCU Charles Trento</b>
<b>Dissertation Title</b>	SECURITY AS SIMULACRA: Surveilling Gendered Bodies and Constructing Security out of Computation

### INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

<b>Reviewer 1 Initial Grade</b>	<b>Reviewer 2 Initial Grade</b>	<b>Late Submission Penalty NA</b>
<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)		
<b>Word Count:</b> <b>Suggested Penalty:</b> NA		

### 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:** B3 [15]    **After Penalty:** B3 [15]

### 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>	Very Good
• <i>Appropriate methodology and evidence of effective organisation of work</i>	Good
• <i>Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions</i>	Very Good
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	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>	Very Good
• <i>Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence</i>	Very Good
• <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>	Very Good

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• <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
• <i>Evidence of ethics approval included (if required based on methodology)</i>	Not required
• <i>Appropriate word count</i>	Yes

### ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

#### **Reviewer 1**

The dissertation asks about the role of the AI in the securitisation of Muslim women's veiling practices within the EU. It is well embedded in broader discussions on Artificial Intelligence and the impact it has on political and social life. The dissertation draws upon three main currents of securitisation, machine learning, and feminist security theories, demonstrating the Author's familiarity with the topics. The discussion on theory develops an original argument about the AI contributing to the emergence of securitisation prior to political dynamics. The analysis begins with key EU documents dedicated to AI.

The link between the European discourse on AI and the securitisation of veiling practices is less clear. The Author seems to be exploring the parallel linkages between the two in a critical manner; however, the dissertation moves away from the main research question and (in chapter 4 in particular) evolves into a discussion of the place of AI technology in political and social life in general terms.

A separate concluding chapter – rather than discussing conclusions towards the end of chapter 4 – would have strengthened the dissertation.

#### **Reviewer 2**

The dissertation asks an all-important question of how the existing power relations are projected to the technologies that can be used to perform security practices. The case study is exceptionally well selected because its intersectionality allows the dissertation to engage several dimensions where the oppression of women takes place. The review of existing critical and post-structuralist works on technology, AI, and societal oppression is approached from a creative and insightful angle. Several strategic EU documents are used to demonstrate how the existing power structures are replicated and proliferate to the use of ML/AI. This is an important contribution to the debate, since replicating the existing social injustices in ML/AI has the potential to scale them up even further, which should be prevented at all costs. From the methodological point of view, the discourse analysis could be more rigorously organized and more tightly connected to the conceptual treatment of the power relations replication. A better organization would contribute to an easier appreciation of the severity of the issue being discussed. This is a rather significant shortcoming which decreases the clarity of otherwise deeply penetrating insights. Overall, apart from some methodological issues,

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the dissertation highlights the dangers involved in irresponsible uses of ML/AI and their impact on marginalized peoples.