

IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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Dissertation Title	The Demonization of Women's Health and the Criminalization of Abortion: A Health Security Threat and Violation of Human Rights.

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

		Late Submission Penalty no penalty
Word Count Penalty (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)		
Word Count: 20,678 Suggested Penalty: no penalty		

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:** Select from drop down list

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>	Excellent
• <i>Coherent set of research questions and/or hypothesis identified</i>	Excellent
• <i>Appropriate methodology and evidence of effective organisation of work</i>	Very Good
• <i>Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions</i>	Very Good
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	Very Good
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>	Excellent
• <i>Selection of relevant primary and/or secondary evidence to support argument</i>	Very Good
• <i>Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence</i>	Excellent
• <i>Accuracy of factual data</i>	Excellent
C. Academic Style	
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) | Not required |
| • Appropriate word count | Yes |

ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

This is a novel and interesting thesis, it argues successfully the need to take reproductive health seriously as a security issue. The cases are well chosen and represent a significant threat to women's health. As outlined in the scheme for further research, the potential for further research on the diffusion of practices and ideology that seeks to or does criminalise abortion is clear. The thesis doesn't quite deliver on its promise to centre women's experience and voice, and this is a weakness when looked at through a feminist lense. However given the novelty of the research and the practical constraints of a Masters disseration this is a minor weakness. Overall this is a thoughtprovoking and groundbreaking thesis that sits within the human security and feminist approaches to security studies.

Reviewer 2

This is a strong dissertation and I learned much from it, particularly as I do not work in this area. The securitisation of women's reproductive health is a topic close to muich of the debates in the US (see Tuberville's hold on military promotions) and this is such a timely and well thought out project--I think the theorizing is first rate here but sometimes the application is not quite delivered. I would have liked to have seen more on the comparative cases with questions of generalizability of the theory addressed a bit more. That criticism aside, this is an incredibly strong piece of work that should bring the author pride and I encourage them to do future work in this area. As a PhD proposal, the theory section alone should attract a funded place