

## IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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<b>Dissertation Title</b>	Securitisation's Challenge to Upholding Core Values: A Comparative Analysis of EU Responses to Migration Influxes from Syria and Ukraine

### INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

		<b>Late Submission Penalty</b> no penalty
<b>Word Count Penalty</b> (10-15% over = 1gr point; 1-15% 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> 22289 <b>Suggested Penalty:</b> 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:** A3 [20]      **After Penalty:** A3 [20]

### DISSERTATION FEEDBACK

Assessment Criteria	Rating
<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>	Very Good
• <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>	Excellent
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	Excellent
<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>	Very Good
• <i>Selection of relevant primary and/or secondary evidence to support argument</i>	Excellent
• <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
• <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 paper makes a significant contribution to the critical analysis of EU migration policy. It astutely examines the political discourse within the European Parliament concerning Ukrainian and Syrian refugees, and then skilfully juxtaposes this discourse with the EU's official normative declarations. This comparative approach effectively highlights the palpable tension between the EU's publicly stated values and norms, and the practical political perceptions and responses to different refugee populations.

The paper's discussion is commendably grounded in relevant and well-established disciplinary literature. A particular strength of this work is its theoretical and methodological framework, which expertly combines securitisation and framing theory. This dual-lens approach provides a robust and nuanced mechanism for analysing how migration is both constructed as a security threat and framed for political consumption.

The work is exceptionally well-crafted, demonstrating both a sophisticated understanding of theory and a meticulous empirical analysis. While its core conclusion—that a contradiction exists between political perceptions and strategic normative declarations—may not be entirely surprising to scholars in the field, the paper's true value lies in its clear, compelling, and thoroughly researched illustration of this fundamental problem in EU policy. It is a highly successful piece of scholarship.

#### **Reviewer 2**

This dissertation addresses an important and timely issue by examining how the European Union responds to large-scale migration flows, with a particular focus on the Syrian and Ukrainian refugee influxes. By situating the analysis within the broader debates on human rights, solidarity, and the EU's identity, it highlights the inconsistencies and double standards that emerge in practice. The research is therefore highly relevant to contemporary discussions on migration governance, securitisation, and the credibility of the EU's commitment to its core values.

The work applies a rigorous theoretical framework, combining Securitisation Theory with Framing Theory and insights from Critical Discourse Analysis. This multidimensional approach allows for a sophisticated exploration of how parliamentary discourses construct different narratives around migrants and how these narratives shape and legitimise EU policy responses. The theoretical discussion is clear, well-grounded in the literature, and convincingly integrated into the empirical analysis.

Methodologically, the dissertation is very well developed. By systematically comparing the Syrian and Ukrainian cases, the author produces a coherent and compelling account of the discursive and policy dynamics at play. The methodology is applied consistently and transparently, ensuring the reliability of the findings and enhancing the overall strength of the study. Overall, this is an excellent dissertation that demonstrates strong analytical depth, methodological rigour, and original contribution to an important field of study.