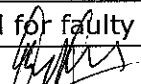


IMESS dissertation					
Name/code:	Mackinnis, 838853				
Dissertation title:	Conceptualising Eastern Europe				
Scale: 5 - excellent, 4 - good, 3 - satisfactory, 2 - poor, 1 - very poor					
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ARGUMENT:		✓			
Clearly defined research question		✓			No clearly defined research question
Answers research question		✓			Does not answer research question
Well structured	✓				Badly structured
Shows theoretical awareness		✓			Shows no theoretical awareness
Conceptual clarity	✓				Conceptual confusion
Empirically appropriate & robust		✓			Full of empirical errors
Logical and coherent	✓				Illogical and incoherent
Analytical		✓			Descriptive
Critical		✓			Uncritical
Shows independent thought		✓			Does not show independent thought
SOURCES & USAGE:					
Evidence of reading/research	✓				No evidence of reading/research
Effective use of sources/data		✓			Ineffective use of sources/data
WRITING STYLE:					
Clear	✓				Obscure
Good punctuation	✓				Poor punctuation
Grammatically correct		✓			Grammatically incorrect
PRESENTATION:					
Appropriate length	✓				Too long/short
Good referencing	✓				Poor/inconsistent referencing
Good spelling	✓				Poor spelling
Good bibliography	✓				Poor bibliography
<p>Comments: This is a very well researched and well structured presentation. It is effective in locating the category of Eastern Europe in the context of historical developments. It could possibly be criticised for relying too heavily on particular works in some sections and for adopting some general explanations too readily (perhaps especially with regard to religion in the first part). In general - a strong and very interesting piece of work.</p>					
<p>Specific questions for oral defence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What factors could explain the growing dominance of cultural over religious categories after the 15th century? - Are the factors that constitute EE as a porphyry situationally grounded or historically long term? 					
Deducted for late submission: -	Deducted for faulty referencing: -		Mark*: 70		
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