



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: A Renewed Focus on the Economic Security Sector: the 2008 Financial Crisis and its effect on the securitisation of migration in the UK

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	24
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	40
<i>Total</i>		80	73
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	93



Evaluation

This is an original and interesting thesis that focuses on changing political language on migration in the period before and after the 2008 financial crisis. Drawing on securitization theory, the thesis explores the dynamic of politicizing and securitizing the issue of migration in the UK with regard to the changing economic situation. The thesis is well written, logically and carefully structured and easy to follow. The author convincingly argues for tracing the evolution of security language, especially the diagnostic framing of migration as a threat.

The research design and empirical analysis are the strongest part of the thesis. The thesis convincingly shows the reasons for developing the research design as it is and provides very good context to the case study. The author paid a lot of attention to building her data collection and the analysis of this data. The results are easy to follow and very interesting. The attempt at including elite interviews is also appreciated, as it helped deepen the understanding of the topic under scrutiny. The thesis also shows good understanding of securitization literature, even though the communication with theory could have been strengthened, especially in the conclusion. What I also appreciate is the self-reflexivity of the author, being aware of the strengths and limits of her research.

In sum, this is a strong thesis, based on an independent, comprehensive and original research. As such, the author has succeeded in bringing an interesting new perspective to security studies and to studying the securitization of migration.

Suggested grade: excellent (lower)



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