



Report of the Examiners

This form should be interpreted in the context of the accompanying Regulations.

Candidate Name:	Arben Qirezi
Student Number:	08232304
Thesis Title:	Intervention and Consociationalism: the role of the external dimension in shaping Kosovo 1999-2012.
Supervisor(s)	College
Dr. Brendan Flynn	College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Celtic Studies

Summary of Thesis

This thesis explores the role of internationals in Kosovo's consociationalism. A core question is: How has international intervention shaped Kosovo's complex consociational design?

The thesis finds that internationals have persistently shaped and excessively dominated Kosovo's consociational design, making it largely unworkable.

Graduation Ceremony Text

Arben Qirezi is awarded a PhD in Political Science for research supervised by Dr. Brendan Flynn on the topic of understanding Kosovo's consociational settlement from 1999 to 2012

Examiners' Report

Report must have a minimum of 300 words, excluding the listing of corrections and publications arising from the research undertaken, under the required headings:

The contribution the work performed makes to knowledge and scholarship:

This is a very well researched thesis which addresses a timely issue with broad implications both for political theory and the practice of post-conflict administration. The author has demonstrated an impressive understanding of both consociationalism and the situation in Kosovo and has advanced a highly plausible argument which is well supported throughout. Great efforts have been made to undertake extensive empirical work and the research is organised in a logical, theoretically-informed manner; methodologically there are no problems. It makes a significant contribution to the literature on consociationalism and

post-conflict reconstruction and brings extensive and rich new data to bear on this analysis of an understudied case.

Candidate's demonstrated capacity for original and critical thought, and depth and breadth of knowledge and understanding of the relevant field(s) of study:

The author demonstrates an unrivaled knowledge of the case of Kosovo. He also demonstrates his ability to apply a complex theoretical framework to this case and his capacity for original thought in analysing the way in which this case can contribute to the development of broader theoretical frameworks for understanding power-sharing in post-conflict societies.

Candidate's performance at the viva:

The candidate defended his thesis capably and robustly and spoke knowledgeably and confidently in response to questions, many of which focused on the theoretical framework. He elaborated on some of the key findings and answered all questions put to him to the satisfaction of the examiners. In the viva he demonstrated his mastery of the empirical case and his extensive knowledge of the theoretical debates on consociationalism.

Candidate's expertise with respect to relevant methodologies and techniques:

The candidate made extensive use of elite interviews, using snowballing techniques to identify interviewees and triangulating interview data with primary written sources and the secondary literature. He demonstrated both in the thesis and the viva his understanding of the methodological issues surrounding this method of data-collection.

The extent to which the thesis contains matter suitable for publication:

The thesis itself is publishable as an academic monograph once it has been adapted for that format. Several of the thesis chapters, notably those on territorial autonomy, executive power-sharing and electoral systems are publishable as journal articles once they have been adapted.

The structure, written style and overall presentation of the thesis:

It is clearly structured and very well organised. The writing style is very clear. There are some minor grammatical errors (the candidate is not a native English speaker) and we have requested that these be corrected as part of the minor corrections.

The nature of corrections to the thesis required (if any):

Minor corrections in content to be completed within one month. The candidate has been provided with a detailed list of those corrections.

Publication of Work

As a whole or in part

Recommendation

Award PhD, but insist on minor corrections in content (1 month)

Examination of Candidate for Ph.D. Degree

Candidate Name: **Arben Qirezi**
Student Number: 08232304
Recommendation: Award PhD, but insist on minor corrections in content (1 month)
Title of Thesis: Intervention and Consociationalism: the role of the external dimension in shaping Kosovo 1999-2012.

Examiners

Name	University
External Examiner(s)	
Dr. Aidan Hehir	University of Westminster
Internal Examiner(s)	
Dr. Niall O'Dochartaigh	National University of Ireland, Galway

Signatures of the Examiners

Dr. Aidan Hehir	92.11.203.23	Tuesday, 13th of May 2014
Dr. Niall O'Dochartaigh	140.203.235.189	Tuesday, 13th of May 2014

Signature of the Supervisor

Dr. Brendan Flynn	10.208.0.105	Tuesday, 13th of May 2014
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Signature of the Chairperson

Dr. Anthony Varley	46.7.217.11	Wednesday, 14th of May 2014
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Additional Information

PhD Candidate:Regulations for Higher Degree on Research - the PhD Degree

The report(s) of the Examiners shall be submitted to the Examinations Office within two weeks of the oral examination for consideration by the Standing Committee at its next meeting.

Oral Examination Date: Tuesday, 6th of May 2014