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	Clarification	
Methodology	Does the author describe his/her research methodology(ies) in an understandable manner (description); is it explained why the author chose for this method instead of other methods (justification?)	
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Presentation of findings; form and structure	Are the findings – qualitative or quantitative – presented according to a clarified method of ordering (for example chronologically, by authors, or by items)? Is there justifiable use of tables, figures or diagrams?	
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	Clarification	
Use of secondary literature	Choice, documentation, integration in analysis.	
	Clarification	
Argumentation	Internal logic of the thesis, difference between empirically funded statements and opinions, suppositions, and preconceived notions. Is the conclusion a logical result of (the analysis of) the findings? Does the conclusion give a clear answer to the central question?	
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Language use and citation style	Does the size of the work fit with its content? Are there many typographical errors? Is the text an enjoyable read? Are appendices used justifiably? Is literature referred to correctly? Is language use correct, clear, scholarly, and according to the conventions of genre, coherency, and style?	
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