

La Sapienza

Revisione esterna dottorandi DAVIDE PASSA e GIACOMO TRAINA 35° ciclo

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## Evaluation form for PhD dissertation

### Evaluation form

Title of the thesis

Fictional Gayspeak and Gay Men in Twenty First Century British Drama

Affiliation of the reviewer

University of Ferrara

Report

The candidate presents a well-structured and well written thesis. The methodology is clear and well applied. The language is comprehensive and coherent while errors and inaccuracies are relatively rare. The bibliography is rich and updated. The topic of the thesis is without any doubt original and extremely relevant in the context of gayspeak and its representation in theatrical works. I have really appreciated the candidate's intention to distance himself from Queer Linguistics, that even if important, should not be the only tool to examine texts dealing with LGBT issues and his capability in utilising corpus linguistics for this kind of corpus. I think the candidate's aim of analysing how sexuality is constructed through fictional language in dramatic works is very well fulfilled in the thesis which offers an exhaustive corpus of analysis and a very well conducted research. I have also appreciated how the analysis dwells on linguistic varieties and different categories (age, class, regional area) that influence gay characters' representations and that was not fully analysed by previous studies. In the thesis the candidate applies corpus linguistics to gayspeak through a quantitative and a qualitative analysis which results highly convincing and well thought. The decision to add manual investigation has certainly added strength to the analysis.

The chapter focusing on the analysis of adopted strategies (sexual indirectness, innuendo and allusion, gender inversion and playfulness- linguistic puns) in gayspeak representations was necessary to better understand the aim and the objective of the work. I believe the thesis can be further elaborated to be published.

Confidential report (it will not be shown to the candidate)

It is an excellent work for its originality and the candidate's capabilities to apply corpus linguistics to a new topic. It is very well organized and clear in its structure, aim and results.

Evaluation file (optional)

Presentation and clarity

None  Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

The reviewer should be able to read the text without difficulty. This implies that the dissertation is clear and 'user friendly', without duplications or repetitions.

Integration and coherence

None  Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

The manuscript should present logical and rational links between different parts of the thesis.

Introduction to scientific background

None  Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

The text should contain a satisfactory introduction to the scientific background which is relevant to the research, preparing the reader to the exposition of the problem.

Review of relevant literature

None  Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

The candidate must have a detailed knowledge of original sources, have a thorough knowledge of the field, and understand the main theoretical and methodological issues.

Statement of research problem

None  Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

A clear statement of the research problem should be made, together with specific hypotheses, predictions, or questions which the research is designed to address.

Originality

None  Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

The research must be the candidate's own work. The degree of independence may vary according to the research topic.

Contribution to knowledge and scientific relevance

None  Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

The dissertation should be substantial enough to be able to form the basis of two articles on refereed journal, a book or research monograph.

Mastery of the English language

None  Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

The candidate must be proficient in written English and show mastery of appropriate scientific/technical language.

A major goal of the review process is to evaluate if the present version of the thesis is:

- 1) adequate as is
- 2) require minor revision
- 3) require major revision

for admission of the candidate to the defence of the work in front of a national evaluation board.

Accept as is  Minor revision  Major revision

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