

COURSEWORK FEEDBACK**Student Number:****Module:** GEG7120 GEOGRAPHICAL THOUGHT AND PRACTICE**Title of Submitted Work:** Project proposal (2500 words)**Coursework % of total mark:**

First Examiner:

Moderator:

First Examiner's Comments and Mark:

This is a very interesting and generally well-articulated proposal for a project exploring the experiences of people who live alone in London on canal boats through the critical lens of mononormativity. It connects together a range of literatures on the demography and cultures of domesticity, geographies of sexuality and the city, and the more specific issue of canal dwelling in London. The conceptual framing of the project is strong and the literature review is insightful and critical. One issue is the need to connect the broader concern with and critique of scholarship that has replicated the idea of coupledness as the normative context to and experience of dwelling, with the specific example of living on a canal boat. Why is canal living a useful way of investigating these much broader themes (you do begin to consider this on p. 2)? I also pondered over whether you are really concerned with critiquing mononormativity insofar as that concept points to relationships founded on monogamy—a partnership with a single individual usually over the long term—as opposed to a slightly looser sense coupledness where partnerships may change but where being in a couple is still 'the thing'.

The research questions are clear, although there appears to be some overlap between the final two (they could be combined or made more distinctive). There is a good discussion of methodology (and especially the ethical dimensions to the project) although a little more might have been said about methods of data collection and analysis. The timetable seems sound.

Overall, this is an innovative project with rich intellectual framing that promises to offer some really interesting insights into living alone on London's canals.

Mark and Grade	78	Late submission penalty?		Final mark and grade	78
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Moderator's Comments and Mark (where applicable):

Agreed. This is a very well produced proposal. There is a clear focus, and extensive literature review and an appropriate methodology. There is a broader picture here – although the conceptual links could be drawn out more fully – and the detail necessary to make this work.

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