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The thesis employs “Securitization Theory” and its conceptual framework in order to analyze concurrent securitization moves concerning the same phenomena, stemmed from both Israeli and Palestinian institutional actors. The study is not restricted to the information contained within the discourses and also takes into account the broad context, as well as the specific context in which the phenomena occur. Regarding the nature of the security act, while focusing on the context and the discourses, the correlation between these two was analyzed as well, specifically involving the phenomena that prompt the institutional discourses. Regarding the nature of the relation between the target audience and the securitizing actor, the study uses an inter-disciplinary approach in order to not only investigate the agency relationship between them but also the specific mechanisms it manifests through, considering the finality of the securitization moves and their viability regarding their target audiences.

Acknowledging that the foundation of Securitization is Speech Act Theory, the thesis uses a conceptual map stemmed from both Speech Act Analysis and Systemic Functional Grammar in building a mixed methodology for analyzing securitization discourses. This approach not only legitimizes the theory itself by adding yet another instrument to its arsenal, but makes it easier for further corpus-linguistics computer-assisted analysis to be employed in studying securitization phenomena.

Key words: international relations, securitization theory, societal security, discourse analysis, conflict and identity

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