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## *Defense of a Doctoral Dissertation*

*An Anthropological Study of Security Operations Centers to  
Improve Operational Efficiency*

by

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*Security Operation Centers (SOCs) have become an integral component of business organizations all over the world. The concept of a SOC has existed for a few years now yet there is no systematic study documenting the occurrences of their operations. This thesis proposes long-term participant observation of practitioners and end-users as a viable methodology to conduct cyber-security research in general.*

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