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## Record of the dissertation thesis defence

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**Student's name and surname:** Mirna Jusić, M.A.  
**Student's ID:** 26817503

**Type of the study programme:** doctoral  
**Study programme:** Public and Social Policy  
**Study ID:** 424208

**Title of the thesis:** A Common Legacy, Divergent Paths: Understanding the Transformation of Post-Yugoslav Welfare States  
**Thesis department:** Department of Public and Social Policy (23-KVSP)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Supervisor:** Mgr. Martin Nekola, Ph.D.  
**Reviewer(s):** prof. Paula M. Pickering  
Ing. Mirka Wildmannová, Ph.D.

**Date of defence:** 14.09.2022    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The student presented the main aims of her dissertation on A Common Legacy, Divergent Paths: Understanding the Transformation of Post-Yugoslav Welfare States. The first was on institutional transformation in the researched countries, and the second was on understanding policy changes. The theoretical framework was based on the welfare state approach, including decommodification, stratification, defamiliarization, recalibration, and retrenchment. The second important approach was based on the Multiple Streams Framework. The student explained how she conceptualized what kind of change had occurred and operationalized a framework. She based her thesis on the research design and used a comparative study approach to cover five welfare systems. Furthermore, she presented data-gathering methods. In the end, she concentrated on showing the results in all examined fields of the welfare state. She identified how policies changed and why they happened. She concluded with comments on the thesis's contribution and its limitations. Dr. Mansfeldová presented prof. Pickering's review and Prof. Veselý dr. Wildmannová's review. Both reviews were very positive and recommended the thesis to the defence. The student reacted to comments from both reviews satisfactorily. Prof. Frič asked if there is any connection to the Czech Republic. The student illustrated some common employment policies and similarities within the welfare systems because of the Bismarckian tradition. Dr. Mansfeldová and prof. Veselý asked about the role of culture and its effect on agenda setting. Then prof. Veselý asked how the other welfare state policies would probably fit the results. The student proved very good knowledge of the field and gave examples from the

other fields as well.

Doc. Frič asked on general mainstream in the development. The student illustrated some general patterns.

Prof. Veselý asked why Slovenia wasn't covered in the research. The student answered the reasons including Slovenia's development and higher democratization as well as the language barrier.

<b>Result of defence:</b>	pass (P)	
<b>Chair of the board:</b>	doc. PhDr. Pavol Frič, Ph.D. (present)	.....
<b>Committee members:</b>	PhDr. Zdenka Mansfeldová, CSc. (present)	.....
	prof. PhDr. Arnošt Veselý, Ph.D. (present)	.....