



Report on the part of the master state examination Record of the thesis defence

Academic year: 2021/2022

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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: Political Science
Branch of study: Master in International Security Studies
Study ID: 679212

Title of the thesis: The Impact of Edward Snowden on Data Protections, Individual Privacy, and Ontological Security
Thesis department: Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Ing. Bc. Luděk Michálek, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Mgr. Jan Ludvík, Ph.D.
Date of defence: 21.09.2022 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: On behalf of the committee, Prof. Stritecky initiated the defence and invited the student to introduce the research framework, questions, and findings of their thesis. The student proceeded to do so. Dr. Michalek then introduced his supervisor report and dr. Ludvik introduced his second reader report. The student was invited to address the raised points, focusing on the issues identified by the second reader. The student proceeded to do so and attempted to explain their choices regarding the literature engaged by the analysis. Additionally, several comments were provided on the issue of answering the research questions and their connections to related issues on whistle blowing. Prof. Stritecky summarized the views on the thesis and commented on the provenance of the used literature, focusing on the distinction between scholarly and policy/other sources. The student was invited to contextualize their research within Security Studies and proceeded to do so, commenting on general surveillance-related issues. Prof. Stritecky reacted, focusing on the conceptual framing of the analysed issue. The student reacted and commented about their views on the significance of non-scholarly sources. The committee deliberated and concluded the defence as successful.

Result of defence:	good (E)	
Chair of the board:	doc. PhDr. Vít Střítecký, M.Phil., Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	Mgr. Jan Ludvík, Ph.D. (present)
	Mgr. Petr Špelda, Ph.D. (present)