



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

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Title of the thesis: The economic warfare of the European Union against Russia: An assessment of the political effects
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Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The defence was opened by the committee, asking the student to present the dissertation. The student elaborated on the research aims, research design and results results in a detailed way. The committee asked the student to react to the critical comments mentioned in the reviews, highlighting that both reviews were generally positive and asking the student to discuss Russia's reaction to sanctions, an aspect spotted as a weaker point of this dissertation in the reviews. The student reacted, defending his logic of data selection and explaining that Russia's reaction has been taken into consideration to the extent possible. The committee also asked the student to comment more on the literature review and the student expanded discussion in this direction, addressing and sometimes disagreeing with the reviewers' comments. The committee and the student also debated the question of whether the sanctions against Russia have worked. Being satisfied with the student's performance, the committee concluded the defence.

Result of defence:	excellent (A)	
Chair of the board:	prof. Mgr. Oldřich Bureš, Ph.D., M.A. (present)
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