



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

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**Type of the study programme:** Master's (post-Bachelor)  
**Study programme:** International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSIS)

**Study ID:** 685710

**Title of the thesis:** Implausible deniability of covert actions in the Middle East  
**Thesis department:** Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** Mgr. et Mgr. Tomáš Kučera, Ph.D.  
**Date of defence:** 14.09.2022    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The committee started the defense by asking the student to reflect on research aims, research strategy, theoretical framework, methodological tools and empirical findings. The student distilled a comprehensive overview of her thesis, pointing out the innovative approach to the conceptual framework of the nature of covert actions in the Middle East. The committee summarized critical comments of the reviewers and asked the student to respond accordingly. The student agreed with certain shortfalls, while proving the capability to justify her arguments.

**Result of defence:** excellent (B)

**Chair of the board:** prof. PhDr. RNDr. Nikola Hynek, Ph.D., .....  
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**Committee members:** PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Karásek, Ph.D. (present) .....  
Ken McDonagh, Dr. (present) .....