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Record of the dissertation thesis defence

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Title of the thesis: Identities and Lives of Muslim Youth in the Czech Republic
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Language of defence: English
Supervisor: doc. PhDr. Zdeněk Uherek, CSc.
Reviewer(s): doc. PhDr. Daniel Topinka, Ph.D.
Roberta Ricucci

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Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The defense began at 9:40. Apart from the commission, the defense was joined by the dissertation supervisor and one of the reviewers who joined online. After a brief introduction of the defendant by the thesis supervisor, the author continued with a presentation outlining the main findings, conclusions, theoretical contribution, and methodological approach. Subsequently, the reviews were introduced, and the author was given space to respond to the feedback. Both reviews were favorable and underlined the progress made since the small defense. Both reviewers recommended the thesis for the defense. As per the critical notes, the reviewers remarked that few strong statements require further contextualization (e.g., how the growing interest in the Czech Republic as a destination for migrants could be interpreted), that broader knowledge of policy level would be helpful, and that the text does little to reflect on key concepts used (e.g., migration, religiosity, ethnicity). The author responded to the critical remarks satisfactorily. In the final part of the defense, a general discussion was opened. The discussion was centered on how positionality impacted the interpretation or critical reflection of methods used (semi-structured interview) or the impact of Covid on the participants' integration and sense of belonging.

Result of defence: pass (P)

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