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

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Type of the study programme: Bachelor's
Study programme: Economics
Branch of study: Bachelor in Economics and Finance
Study ID: 679181

Title of the thesis: Does trading with China improve diversification and economic complexity? The case of South Africa and Pakistan

Thesis department: Institute of Economic Studies (23-IES)

Language of the thesis: English

Language of defence: English

Advisor: Ing. Vilém Semerák, M.A., Ph.D.

Reviewer(s): Mgr. Bc. Vít Macháček

Date of defence: 13.06.2023 **Venue of defence:** Praha

Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The student presented her thesis focusing on the relationship between trade with China, and export diversification and economic complexity, on the example of South Africa and Pakistan. In her presentation she explained the motivation of her analysis and the choice of her focus on the two countries. After the presentation, the rapporteur summarized the advisor and the opponent reports, focusing on the critical questions regarding the specification of the regression model, the inclusion of both value of trade and share of trade with China, the selection of existing literature for the literature review, the contribution of the thesis to the existing literature, and the difference between correlation and causality. Also, the student was asked to explain how it can happen in international trade that countries end up in a trap by trading with a much stronger trading partner. The student responded very well to the raised questions and manifested her knowledge of the international trade issues in general. After a long discussion, taking into account the student's good performance during the defense, the committee concluded that the thesis still, albeit at a margin, fulfills the requirements for a bachelor thesis at the IES, and decided on grade E.

Result of defence:	good (E)	
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