



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

Academic year: 2022/2023

**Student's name and surname:** Sophie Benson  
**Student's ID:** 92507825

**Type of the study programme:** Master's (post-Bachelor)  
**Study programme:** Society, Communication and Media  
**Study ID:** 713451

**Title of the thesis:** Populist Trends in Republican Presidential Nomination Acceptance Speeches  
**Thesis department:** Department of Sociology (23-KS)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** Mgr. Anna Shavit, Ph.D.  
**Reviewer(s):** Mgr. Tomáš Dvořák, Ph.D.  
**Date of defence:** 22.06.2023    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The student presented her thesis on the topic of Populist Trends in Republican Presidential Nomination Acceptance Speeches.

After the introduction of the thesis topic the student presented her research goals, data collection, methodology and conclusions.

The supervisor proposed grade A and suggested following questions to be discussed: Can you think of any other theoretical sources you should have cited or papers you could have built on in your research in the US?

The opponent proposed grade E and suggested the following questions to be discussed: What is the difference between politics and science?  
Does the Republican Party have some internal factions/wings?

The supervisor was present at the exam, presented her review and appreciated student's work, her originality and the choice of the topic and research approach.

After the opponent's review was read the student answered to the comments and questions in the reviews. The student concentrated especially on the critique of the theoretical section and the literature review and usage of sources.

The committee discussed with the student about the issues of populism, absence of core values and specific research of an individual state.

The student commented on the questions and comments well and

managed to show her orientation in the topic.

The committee discussed the specific features of student's work, topic of operationalisation and lack of core values. The committee appreciated especially the presentation of the students, her readiness to respond to the questions. Still the committee recommends deeper research and work with core values.

The committee decided to give the grade B.

<b>Result of defence:</b>	excellent (B)	
<b>Chair of the board:</b>	doc. PhDr. Dino Numerato, Ph.D. (present)	.....
<b>Committee members:</b>	prof. PhDr. Hynek Jeřábek, CSc. (present)	.....
	PhDr. Lenka Vochocová, Ph.D. (present)	.....