



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

Academic year: 2022/2023

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Type of the study programme: Bachelor's
Study programme: Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Study ID: 679595

Title of the thesis: Türkiye in NATO: a Backsliding Ally or A Valuable Ally in Distress?
Thesis department: Department of Political Science (23-KP)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Mgr. Bc. Daniela Lenčėš Chalániová, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Pelin Ayan Musil, Ph.D.
Date of defence: 20.06.2023 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: [in person] The student presented the thesis defence beginning with the reviewer's criticisms, focusing on events that trigger the relevance of the topic.
CU Committee: Dr Tesař and Dr Salamon invite the student to focus on the most serious criticisms rather than deeply elaborate on the conceptual definitions such as 'backsliding'.
The student defends the event's selection and moves into the supervisor's critique.
CU Committee: Dr Salamon reminds the student about the time limit when defending the thesis so that he is more concise towards the most serious criticism, for instance, the low number of references used in the text.
The student replies he wanted to have more historical content, given the literature availability.
CU Committee: Dr Baxa asks about the value, or the contribution to academia, given the vast quantity of literature available on the topic (e.g. Google Scholar).
The student replies the topic is a matter of current affairs.
CU Committee: Dr Salamon turns the conversation towards the main conclusion of the text.
The student briefly mentions his main conclusion.
CU Committee: Dr Tesař highlights the difference between an opinion paper and an academic paper and his perception that the text is rather an opinion turned into a thesis. Then asks about the number of references included which have been peer-reviewed.
The student claims there were some strong limitations to elaborating the thesis.
CU Committee: Dr Tesař asks about using Wikipedia as a source in the text.

The student defends the use of Wikipedia as a resource.
CU Committee: Dr Baxa turns the discussion towards the perception in Turkiye towards the West, as suggested by one of the reviewers.
The student replies by saying he consulted MetroPOLL within a specific period and how these results were assessed in the text.
No further questions from the Committee.

Result of defence:	good (E)	
Chair of the board:	Janusz Salamon, Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	PhDr. Jaromír Baxa, Ph.D. (present)
	Mgr. Jakub Tesař, Ph.D. (present)