



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

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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: International Security Studies with specialisation in Global and Regional Security

Study ID: 714191

Title of the thesis: Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant and Energy Diplomacy: How Construction of the Akkuyu Power Plant affected Energy Diplomacy between Turkey and Russia? A Process Tracing Approach.

Thesis department: Department of International Relations (23-KMV)

Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English

Advisor: Mgr. Jitka Holubcová, M.A.

Reviewer(s): Mgr. Jan Ludvík, Ph.D.

Date of defence: 20.09.2023 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: [in person] - EN
The student presented her thesis defence, giving a brief background leading to her research aims and working hypotheses. She then explained the topic's relevance to recent developments in the region. Finally, she described the scientific criteria in the methodology, concluding with the main findings given the three hypotheses.

[CU Committee]: Dr. Bureš (chair) gave an overview of the reviewers' disparity in their evaluations and invited Dr. Ludvík (opponent) to go through his comments. Dr. Ludvík asks the student to elaborate on the cause-consequence research approach and the potential benefits of including interviews to better understand what people think of this energy project, among other shortcomings. The student elaborated on the limited available resources for a more robust literature review focusing specifically on energy diplomacy in Turkey. However, Dr. Bureš underscores the potential to include more general literature on energy diplomacy. The student further discusses her methodological choice, the interconnected research aims, and the theoretical framework used. The defence concludes with no further inquiries from the committee.

Result of defence: very good (D)

Chair of the board: prof. Mgr. Oldřich Bureš, Ph.D., M.A.
(present)

Committee members: Mgr. et Mgr. Tomáš Kučera, Ph.D. (present)

Mgr. Jan Ludvík, Ph.D. (present)