



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

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Title of the thesis: An Assessment of Energy Security Performance in the Context of European Integrations
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Language of defence: English
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Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The student wrote on the performance of energy security in the context of European integration, focusing on the candidate country of Serbia and the policies it needs to comply with so that it can accede to the bloc. She had two research questions, one related to Serbia's reactions and how its energy security performance was affected by the policies. The student quickly introduced her theoretical framework, how it was grounded in state-centrist and economics-based approaches. She mentioned Hoffman's intergovernmentalism as well as the work by A. Moravcsik. The student then detailed the state of the art, overviewing the existing literature and the general attitudes usually found in it. The student chose a case-study methodology, with Serbia being the case for a number of reasons, including geography, politics, relevance. Source-wise, the student used primary sources (official documents, etc.) and if she could not find something, she occasionally used secondary ones. Following this, the student explained in some detail her findings. The committee then cut in and asked the student to summarize her general findings. The student mentioned how Serbia's reaction was differentiation on the basis of area importance and emphasized how Serbia is not capable of aligning fully with EU regulations at the moment. Moving on to reviews: 1) the analysis could be more extensive and some concepts are not fully specified, specifically, how the intergovernmental lens affects the study - the student provided an answer grounded in her data; 2) unexplored concept of conditionality - the student recognized that it is underdeveloped and that it actually plays only a minor role in her work, still, she applied the concept on her analysis; 3) Serbia's balancing act between the EU, Russia, China - how does this come in? The student related the issue to Serbia's history and noted that the pragmatic position did not

change the objective condition of Serbia's geography. The committee praised the comprehensiveness of the defense. The committee thanked the student and announced her successful completion of the defense.

Result of defence:	excellent (B)	
Chair of the board:	prof. PhDr. Emil Aslan, Ph.D. (present)
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