



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

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Title of the thesis: Georgian Foreign Policy towards the North Caucasus
Thesis department: Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Dr. Huseyn Aliyev
Date of defence: 21.09.2023 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The committee started the defense by asking the student to reflect on research aims, research strategy, theoretical framework, methodological tools and empirical findings. The student distilled a comprehensive overview of her thesis, both theoretically and empirically, pointing out the conceptual and practical importance of research on Georgian regional foreign policy in the Northern Caucasus. The committee summarized critical comments of the reviewers and asked the student to respond accordingly. The student agreed with some weaknesses of the thesis, while demonstrating the capability to justify her arguments and research claims.

Result of defence: very good (C)

Chair of the board: PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Karásek, Ph.D. (present)

Committee members: Georgios Glouftsios (present)
Donnacha Ó Beacháin, Dr. (present)