



# 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)  
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**Title of the thesis:** Digital Threats to Democracy: Investigating the Complexities of Election Interference by Non-State Information Operations Actors and its Connection to Data Colonialism in the Global South

**Thesis department:** Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)

**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English

**Advisor:** Mgr. Petr Špelda, Ph.D.  
**Date of defence:** 21.09.2023    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The committee invited the student to present the thesis. The student introduced to the committee the research design, the methodology and the key findings. Then the student was invited to react to the critical comments mentioned in the reviews, especially focusing on the colonial aspects of this study. The committee also asked the student about the future avenues for research in this field, the student responded and the committee concluded the defence.

**Result of defence:** excellent (B)

**Chair of the board:** prof. PhDr. RNDr. Nikola Hynek, Ph.D., .....  
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