



# 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 Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSIS)

**Study ID:** 722526

**Title of the thesis:** Unmasking Russian Hybrid Warfare in Europe: A Comparative Study of Estonia and the Netherlands  
**Thesis department:** Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** prof. David Smith  
**Date of defence:** 21.09.2023    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The committee started the defense by inviting the student to reflect on the research objectives, theoretical background, methodological framework and major empirical findings. The student provided an in-depth analysis of the thesis, both in theoretical and empirical terms, pointing out how to advance the study of a very relevant topic of contemporary security. The committee summarized comments from the reviewers and asked the student to respond. The student acknowledged the comments, while demonstrating the substantial capability to defend his arguments and research claims.

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

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

**Committee members:** Georgios Glouftsios (present) .....  
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