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

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Student's name and surname: Kenneth White
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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSIS)

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Title of the thesis: Scotland's ethical paradiplomacy as strategic narratives
Thesis department: Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Ian Paterson, Dr.
Date of defence: 22.09.2023 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The student began by overviewing the general theme of his research and objectives. Then the student presented his research questions and outlined the motivation for his interest in the topic, which was rooted in the empirics of the case of Scotland and its position vis-a-vis other similar cases of states following feminist foreign policies. Following that, the student outlined some existing literature, noted gaps in it and suggested how he wished to shed light on the blind spots. Moving on, the student discussed his four key concepts, in some detail and with the view to showing their importance for the research objectives. Methodologically speaking, the student chose qualitative content analysis, something he followed up with a discussion regarding his time frame and data selection. Turning to finding, the student outlined the results of his study in a three categories and commented on each, providing empirical evidence and examples, and outlined some conclusions. Moving on to reviews, the student mentioned a critique of his short literature review, definitions, which he justified in terms of keeping the work concise and Scotland-specific. Another critique was about his approach not being sufficiently critical, the student did not necessarily agree. The committee lauded the student's choice of topic and had no questions except whether the student considered publishing.

Result of defence:	excellent (A)	
Chair of the board:	prof. PhDr. Emil Aslan, Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	Georgios Glouftsios (present)
	Marcin Kaczmarski, Dr. (present)