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Zápis o obhajobě disertační práce

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Jméno a příjmení studenta: Iva Dodevska, M.A.
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Typ studijního programu: doktorský
Studijní program: European Joint Doctorate Migration and Modernity: Historical and Cultural Challenges (EJD MOVES)

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Název práce: Europe and its Others: Migrant Integration in Research and Policy
Pracoviště práce: Department of Anglophone Literatures and Cultures (21-UALK)
Jazyk práce: angličtina
Jazyk obhajoby: English
Školitel UNIVERZITA KARLOVA: Dr. Soňa Nováková, CSc.
Školitel (i): prof. Dr. Jean-Christophe Mayer
Oponent(i): Mgr. Petra Ezzeddine, Ph.D.
prof. Dr. Janine Dahinden

Datum obhajoby: 18.09.2023 **Místo obhajoby:** Praha
Termín: řádný

Průběh obhajoby: HYBRID STATE EXAM AND VIVA, Project MOVES
18 September 2023, 15:00 – 18:00 CET
The candidate: Iva Dodevska, MA (University of Montpellier / Charles University)
Present on site (Faculty of Arts, Charles University; nám. Jana Palacha 2, Prague 1; Team Study Room): Prof. Jean-Christophe Mayer (University of Montpellier), Dr Soňa Nováková (Charles University), Prof. Martin Procházka (Charles University, MOVES coordinator)
Present via MS Teams: Prof. Janine Dahinden (University of Neuchâtel), Dr Petra Ezzeddine (Charles University), Prof. Adrian Favell (University College Cork), Dr Bojan Savic (Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent)

15:00 The chair, Martin Procházka, opened the exam/viva and outlined the procedure.

STATE DOCTORAL EXAM
The candidate was invited to present a lecture on the pre-assigned by the committee: Discuss critically your views of the roots of the modern concept of integration. Show their genealogical and historiographical contingencies and limitations.
15:05-15:30
The candidate's lecture focused on the following points: various definitions of integration as a concept and their origin; the

development of the idea of society as an organism and the related notion of social cohesion and the clinical approach to “social ills”; the development of the nation states and the related border regimes and ways of regulating migration; the emergence of the integration paradigm in post-imperial Europe after WWII; the civic integration turn as a response to multiculturalism; and the most recent developments in relation to integrationism in the EU.

Adrian Favell: Could you expand on the relationship with North America and Europe in relation to the conflation of assimilation and integration? Is integration really about immigrants, or is it more related to race?

Iva Dodevska: The two approaches developed in a very different context, but there have been many borrowings between the two spheres in terms of research on migration. As part of the integrationist discourse, racialised groups in society that emerge and are presented as needing to be integrated.

Jeanine Dahinden: What are the reasons of the success of the term integration over all the others that have been circulating?

Iva Dodevska: The other terms and ideas are still in use, especially social cohesion, also on the level of EU. Assimilation is a loaded term and carries many negative connotations with it, that is likely one of the reasons why integration has gained so much currency.

Bojan Savic: The dissertation is very much focused on Europe and on the EU, could you take a step back and acknowledge the limits of what you are doing? The political economy of integration could be explored more, which would be one way of decolonising the approach.

Iva Dodevska: The chapter tries to present integrationism as a problem related especially to former colonial states and how it travelled across the Atlantic, so it that way it is not Eurocentric.

15:52: Closing the public part of the state exam, all non-committee members were invited to leave/disconnect. The committee members discussed the candidate’s performance and agreed on the unanimous outcome of a PASS.

16:00 The candidate was called back, and the result of the state exam (PASS) was announced.

VIVA

Dissertation topic: Europe and Its Others: Migrant Integration in Research and Policy

16:02 The candidate was introduced by both main supervisors, Jean-Christophe Mayer and Soňa Nováková, praising the candidate’s dedication, readiness to take on feedback, independent thinking, and her already impressive publication record in prestigious journals.

16:15 The candidate presented a brief summary of her dissertation which examines the role of scientific research, EU policy, and research-policy knowledge infrastructures in shaping the governance of “immigrant integration” in Europe, drawing on critical, decolonial and post-structuralist approaches. Seeking to understand “integration” as both a political problem and an object of scientific fascination, the dissertation investigates how integration is debated, regulated, monitored, and ultimately normalized at supranational (EU) level and through science-policy collaboration.

16:45 The examiners – Janine Dahinden and Petra Ezzeddine - presented the main points from their reports, praising the originality and relevance of the thesis, its cutting-edge qualities, the candidate’s ability to work with data, the focus of otherwise often invisible groups in migration studies, such as the Roma in Central Europe, and the interdisciplinary dimension of the research project, in keeping with the overall project MOVES.

17:00 The candidate answered questions from the reports, focusing especially on the choice of the publications she worked with and gathered data from, providing additional information on the selection of material and rationale behind it; acknowledging the gap in the

thesis regarding the study of boundaries, which she would like to take on in her future work; the groups that oppose current EU approaches and the amount of space they get; the violent dimension of the current EU regimes and border systems; the categories of age, disability, and LGBT+ in relation to integration.

17:09 The floor was opened for general discussion, which focused in particular on the following points: the development of the idea of community and its historical dimension; class and race in relation to integration and their connotations and the possibility of bringing out the positive aspects of integrationism (going beyond exclusion and nativism); and the candidate's future research activities in relation to the topic.

17:25 The chair announced another closed session and the candidate and all the guests were asked to leave. The committee undertook an open ballot vote about awarding the distinction and the result as a unanimous decision to award the distinction.

17:50 The candidate was called back and the result of the viva, a PASS with DISTINCTION, was announced.

Minutes: Petra Johana Poncarová

The committee has agreed to evaluate the thesis with distinction, according to Annex 4 of MOVES Consortium agreement. The vote for distinction was unanimous.

Klasifikace obhajoby:	prospěl/a (P)	
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