

**BACHELOR'S THESIS EXAMINER REPORT**  
*PPE – Bachelor's in Politics, Philosophy and Economics*  
*Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University*

<b>Thesis title:</b>	A Polish Tale of Securitization: The Law and Justice Party's Securitization in the Context of Different Refugee Movements Between 2015 and 2022
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<b>Referee's name:</b>	Hana Kubátová

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Contribution and argument (quality of research and analysis, originality)	<b>50</b>	45
	Research question (definition of objectives, plausibility of hypotheses)	<b>15</b>	15
	Theoretical framework (methods relevant to the research question)	<b>15</b>	15
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	75
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources, literature	<b>10</b>	10
	Presentation (language, style, cohesion)	<b>5</b>	3
	Manuscript form (structure, logical coherence, layout, tables, figures)	<b>5</b>	4
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	17
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	92

**Plagiarism-check (URKUND) match score: 0%**

*[NB:] If the plagiarism-check (URKUND) match score is above 15%, the reviewer has to include his/her assessment of the originality of the reviewed thesis in his/her review.*

**Reviewer's commentary according to the above criteria** (min. 1800 characters including spaces when recommending a passing grade, min. 2500 characters including spaces when recommending a failing grade):

This thesis stems from a paradox: the different approach of the Polish PiS party vis-à-vis different groups of refugees and refugee crises, be it the 2015 migration movement of mostly Syrians, the 2021 Polish-Belorussian border crises, and the consequences of the Russian attack on Ukraine in 2022. While scholars have already exposed the paradox by studying it through the lens of imaginaries of immigration, moral panics, and the normalization of racism, the herein evaluated thesis demonstrates precisely how the securitization of a democratically elected parliament was influenced by the Polish public itself. Indeed, by adopting an audience approach—as an extension of the securitization theory—the author identifies the convergence between Polish-national and European-international security interests. The selective treatment was hence contingent upon the acceptance of the Polish

public. Taking aside some of the minor technical and formal issues, this is an important contribution to our understanding of what shapes securitization, also highlighting the importance of longitudinal case-study analysis.

**Proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F): A**

**Suggested questions for the defence are:**

**I recommend the thesis for final defence.**

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***Referee Signature***

Overall grading scheme at FSV UK:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	<b>A</b>	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	<b>B</b>	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	<b>C</b>	= good
61 – 70	<b>D</b>	= satisfactory
51 – 60	<b>E</b>	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	<b>F</b>	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.