



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

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Thesis department: Department of North American Studies (23-KAS)

Language of the thesis: English

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Advisor: doc. PhDr. Mgr. Francis Raška, Ph.D.

Reviewer(s): RNDr. Jan Kofroň, Ph.D.

Date of defence: 01.02.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha

Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The session started with the student offering an overview of their thesis, describing the literature and methodology applied to the case study chosen - counterfactual analyses in Iraq. They continued in identifying the logic of their analytical selection, including personal anecdotes on experiences leading to their conclusions. The student finished the opening overview with their major conclusions - two different theories - from the study. The committee then summarised the positive reviews received, with little to no critical comments from the supervisor. The opponent's comments were discussed about the research question and the epistemological connection and or analytical support between chosen concepts and variables. This concluded the review of the thesis, with committee members satisfied with the overall discussion.

Result of defence: excellent (A)

Chair of the board: PhDr. Michael Romancov, Ph.D. (present)

Committee members: doc. Martin Riegl, Ph.D. (present)

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