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Report on defence of dissertation thesis

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Student's name and surname: Gilija Žukauskienė, M.A., M.Phil.
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Type of the study programme: doctoral
Study programme: Practical and Ecumenical Theology and Theological Ethics
Study ID: 590702

Title of the thesis: The Transformative Power of Movement: A Conversation between Maurice Merleau-Ponty and Marcel Mauss and its Influence on Contemporary Theology.

Thesis department: Institute of ecumenical studies (27-IES)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Supervisor: Mgr. Kateřina Kočandrle Bauer, Th.D.
Reviewer(s): doc. Timothy Noble, Ph.D.
doc. Mgr. Martin Nitsche, Ph.D.

Date of defence: 30.04.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The student presented her dissertation, topic, research questions, methodological approach, structure of the thesis and findings. Then the opponent's reports of Martin Nietsche and Tim Noble were presented (the second read by Dr. Kateřina Kočandrle-Bauer), their positive evaluation, objections and questions. The student answered following questions from the report by Tim Noble:

- 1) What is the aim of long chapters on Mauss and Merleau-Ponty?
- 2) What is the aim of the dissertation?
- 3) What is movement?
- 4) What does "movement" bring extra to a discussion of the need for transformative practices in and by church communities?
- 5) What is the contribution of this dissertation to theology?

Then she answered the questions asked by Martin Nietsche:

- 1) Does the student think that the distinction between the movement of someone's else body and movement of my own body is important for practical theology?
- 2) Does the student see any differences in the conception of the transformative nature of movement in Mauss and his students on the one hand and in phenomenology on the other?

Finally, the floor was opened to questions of all members of the commission. Pavol Bargár asked how does the student define transformation. Tabita Landová asked How do you work with bodily movement in liturgy? The student answered all the questions in a satisfactory manner.

Result of defence: pass (P)

Chair of the board: doc. Tabita Landová, Ph.D.

Committee members: Mgr. Kateřina Kočandrlé Bauer, Th.D.

doc. PhDr. Libor Ovečka, Dr.

doc. Mgr. Pavol Bargár, Ph.D.

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