



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

Academic year: 2023/2024

**Student's name and surname:** Alison Gryzlo  
**Student's ID:** 99237265

**Type of the study programme:** Master's (post-Bachelor)  
**Study programme:** International Relations  
**Study ID:** 713298

**Title of the thesis:** Friendly Roots or Parasitic Tendrils?: A Comparative Study of the Motivations Behind Increasing Chinese Influence in Latin America

**Thesis department:** Department of International Relations (23-KMV)

**Language of the thesis:** English

**Language of defence:** English

**Advisor:** doc. PhDr. Jan Karlas, Ph.D., M.A.

**Reviewer(s):** PhDr. Jaromír Soukup, Ph.D.

**Date of defence:** 13.06.2024    **Venue of defence:** Praha

**Attempt:** regular

**Course of the examination:** Commission asked student to briefly summarize thesis, topic, research design, methodology, and conclusions. Student detailed her approach to the project and presented her main arguments and findings. Utility of the chosen theories has been discussed. Review of the supervisor has been read and commented by the Commission. Review of the opponent was read, which was positive. Commission asked questions regarding the hypothesis and other possible theories which could have been applied. Student answered. Commission requested to demonstrate which theory out of three was preferred. Student answered. Finally, further comments on theories were done. Commission gave final grade of A.

**Result of defence:** excellent (A)

**Chair of the board:** Karlas Jan, doc. PhDr., Ph.D., M.A. (present) .....

**Committee members:** Martinková Viera, Mgr., Ph.D. (present) .....

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