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

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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: International Security Studies
Study ID: 754807

Title of the thesis: Russo-Ukrainian war through the lens of Sun Tzu
Thesis department: Department of International Relations (23-KMV)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Mgr. George Hays II, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Mgr. Jan Ludvík, Ph.D.
Date of defence: 19.06.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of the examination: The candidate presented the dissertation, including research questions, framework, and content. The candidate explained, at some length, his views on Sun Tzu, propaganda, and modern military concepts, Gerasimov; the presentations, while sophisticated, lacked explanation as to how the research question, conceptual framework, and empirics were addressed. The students then addressed critical comments from the second reader and questions from the supervisor's review. The candidate argues that one variable is Sun Tzu, but does not explain what the other variables are. Dr. Karasek asked for clarification of the relationship between Sun Tzu and empirical reality. Dr. Ludvik asked for an explanation of what "relate" means in the research question and asked the candidate to explain a 42% similarity score according to the Turnitin report. The candidate explained that he wanted to keep the concepts as they are for clarity, but did not explain the relationship between Sun Tzu as an analytical framework and empirical reality. The committee discussed the results and agreed that the analytical framework was underdeveloped and that the paper relied too heavily on direct quotations, but did not commit intentional plagiarism. Agreed final mark D.

Result of defence: very good (D)

Chair of the board: Karásek Tomáš, PhDr. JUDr., Ph.D. (present)

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(present)
Ludvík Jan, Mgr., Ph.D. (present)