



# 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:** Geopolitical Studies  
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**Title of the thesis:** China's Debt Trap Diplomacy in the Democratic Republic of Congo: A case study of a failed state (2006-2023) through Neoclassical Geopolitics

**Thesis department:** Department of Political Science (23-KP)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** Nuno Morgado Valentim Albino, M.Pol.Sc., Ph.D.  
**Reviewer(s):** doc. Martin Riegl, Ph.D.  
**Date of defence:** 28.06.2024    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of the examination:** The thesis started with the student presenting the main components of the thesis. The committee then covered the different reviews from the opponent and supervisor. The focus of the defense fell on the critical nature of the opponents review. The student was provided time to respond to these comments. Follow-up questions were asked about the use of hypothesis for future scenarios. The committee concluded the defense with these remarks.

**Result of defence:** good (E)

**Chair of the board:** Kofroň Jan, RNDr., Ph.D. (present) .....

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