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Subject: defence Anna Krýsová  
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Esteemed members of the promotion committee of the *Univerzita Karlova*,  
In Leiden, October 12, 2023, and starting at 10.00, Anna Krýsová defended her thesis  
entitled: *Beyond Postmodernism: Oscillation, Reparation and Affect in Contemporary  
Dutch Novels*. She did so in front of a committee existing of the three supervisors – Prof.  
dr. Lucie Sedláčková from Charles University; dr. Esther Op de Beek and prof. dr.  
Frans-Willem Korsten from Leiden University – and six members representing both  
universities: on behalf of Charles University prof. dr. Yves T’Sjoen and dr. Ellen Krol;  
on behalf of both Charles and Leiden University prof. dr. Yra van Dijk and dr. Hans  
Demeyer, and on behalf of Leiden prof. dr. Maria Boletsi and dr. Madeleine Kasten.

The questions posed by the committee members in the time allocated to them between  
10.00 and 10.45 were answered with clarity and concision and showed that Anna  
Krýsová had not only written a solid, convincing and enlightening thesis but had  
developed herself in the process as an independent scholar capable of entering in high  
level scholarly debates. The questions ranged from the thesis’ theoretical underpinnings  
to specific close readings and from the motivations to approach the topic in the way  
chosen to the relations with other studies on the topic.

After the defence the committee retreated and was unanimous in her decision to grant  
Anna Krýsová the title of doctor, in a double degree from both the University of Leiden  
and Charles University. After the return of the committee the signed diploma was  
handed over to the former candidate, now doctor.

Chairman of the committee  
Prof. dr. Mark Rutgers; dean of the  
Faculty of Humanities

Member of the committee and secretary  
Prof. dr. Maria Boletsi; LUCAS

