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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: Bachelor's
Study programme: Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Study ID: 761139

Title of the thesis: The Limits of the Left-Libertarian Legitimation of Property
Thesis department: Department of Political Science (23-KP)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Janusz Salamon, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Mgr. Tomáš Halamka, Ph.D.
Date of defence: 05.09.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of the examination: Student presented motivation for thesis and research question. Student mentioned pragmatic appeal of private property and freedom. Student mentioned that thesis developed comprehensive critique of left libertarian institutional order. Student mentioned that question of legitimacy falls into moral philosophy. Student mentioned that in first part of thesis, developed central concepts such as autonomy, rationality, power. Student mentioned in second part of thesis discussed social contract theory. Student mentioned critiques of Rawls. Student mentioned examination of Nozick's work, and critiques of Nozick. Student mentioned that Rawls and Nozick prefigure state. Student mentioned definition of state by Hobbes, critique of Hobbes. Student mentioned Buchanan, criticised Buchanan's constructive solution, failed to discuss legitimate distribution of property. Student mentioned that thesis followed up with limitations of social contract theory. Student mentioned examined left libertarianism in thesis, left libertarianism may be from flawed reading of Nozick. Student mentioned that end up being more sceptical of reaching legitimate verdicts than authors examined in thesis. Committee highlighted questions from review, that there is no literature review in thesis, why did student work with those 3 authors and specific contributions. Student mentioned that thesis is perhaps too broad. Committee mentioned that main argument lost in breath of thesis. Student mentioned that everything in thesis is interconnected. Committee asked what is main argument of thesis. Student compared influential texts in libertarianism. Student mentioned that main takeaway is that authors not able to redeem their argument. Committee asked how does thesis explain relation between social contract theory and libertarianism. Student mentioned that libertarianism aligns with social contract theory, that things can only be legitimate if created by contract, align with libertarian premise of

no harm. Student mentioned that Nozick's argument doesn't rest on natural law, rather on natural benefit. Student identified misreading of Nozick by left libertarianism. Committee mentioned that according to Nozick, no government could override rights. Student mentioned Nozick's critique of Lockean theory, that natural rights not doing work in Nozick's argument. Student mentioned that structure of thesis follows argument.

Result of defence:	excellent (A)	
Chair of the board:	Franěk Jakub, Mgr., Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	Špecián Petr, Ing., Ph.D. (present)
	Tesař Jakub, Mgr., Ph.D. (present)