



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

Academic year: 2023/2024

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Type of the study programme: Bachelor's
Study programme: Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Study ID: 725622

Title of the thesis: Justifying Civil Disobedience in the Context of the Climate Justice Protests in Germany

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. Václav Rut

Date of defence: 05.09.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of the examination: Student presented thesis in connection to answering critiques from reviewers. Student mentioned climate civil disobedience as tool to address democratic shortfalls, relevant as live in times of climate change. Student presented personal motivation, frustration with insufficient state action with climate change. Student mentioned constitutional account of civil disobedience, that its prone to idealisation, delegitimise protests. Student introduce radical democratic account of civil disobedience, focus on ability to address democratic shortfalls. Student mentioned that radical democratic account makes normative claim. Student mentions that radical democratic strictly rejects infliction of harm against persons but doesn't offer much further discussion. Student mentioned thesis takes constitutional and radical democratic accounts of civil disobedience as building on each other, and explains why radical democratic account more suitable at explaining climate justice. Committee asked student to explain how constitutional and radical democratic accounts are compatible. Student mentioned that radical democratic account is more inclusive, constitutional account more prominent, radical democratic account address shortcomings and idealisation. Committee mentioned that radical democracy raises doubts about constitutional institutions, how are two positions compatible. Student mentioned that radical democratic account broader, also some instances not included in constitutional account. Student mentioned that civil disobedience sometimes way of addressing democratic crisis, distortion of democratic process, relevant injustices, shared idea of justice. Student mentioned that climate change is instance with democratic shortfalls. Student mentioned climate change shows prioritisation of economic interests, constitute democratic shortfalls, no democratic aspect eg. of Teslas

expansion of factory in protected area in Germany. Student mentioned that thesis examines hidden tension of climate change and civil disobedience. Some represented democratic shortfalls. Student mentioned that some people not properly represented in political process, international dimension to climate change, action of one nation state drastically affects another nation state. Committee mentioned that from point of view of radical democracy, majority is disenfranchised by climate change, that thesis failed to discuss theoretical issues. Student mentioned that thesis established that climate change is existential threat, affect future generations. Student mentioned that final chapter of thesis applied concepts to German context, argued for 3 different forms of climate civil disobedience.

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)