



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
Study ID: 755440

Title of the thesis: Reaccessing Irish neutrality in the context of the Russian Attack against Ukraine

Thesis department: Department of Political Science (23-KP)

Language of the thesis: English

Language of defence: English

Advisor: doc. Martin Riegl, Ph.D.

Reviewer(s): RNDr. Jan Kofroň, Ph.D.

Date of defence: 19.09.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of the examination: [in person] The student explained in his thesis defence he methodological and theoretical choices considering the context of Ireland and its neutrality. He then explained the different hypotheses in his study and how the findings related to them. Although Ireland is not part of NATO, he mentioned Ireland's contribution to the defence and how it is quite below NATO's minimum of 2.0% of the GDP. He illustrated different polls that support the neutral stance of Ireland as a national identity. He subsequently addressed the reviewer's comments by defending his choice of social constructivism instead of more realist or neoclassical approaches.

CU Committee: Dr Landovský makes some comments regarding Ireland's position and other neutral countries within the EU and the overlapping with NATO.

The student brings Ireland's position in the Partnership for Peace programme concluding his answer.
No further questions from the committee.

Result of defence: excellent (A)

Chair of the board: Romancov Michael, PhDr., Ph.D. (present)

Committee members: Krausz Hladká Malvína, PhDr., Ph.D. (present)

Landovský Jakub, PhDr. Mgr. et Mgr., Ph.D. (present)

Tang Hsin-wei, prof. (present)