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

Academic year: 2023/2024

**Student's name and surname:** Eric Scholz  
**Student's ID:** 83083558

**Type of the study programme:** Master's (post-Bachelor)  
**Study programme:** Geopolitical Studies  
**Study ID:** 757692

**Title of the thesis:** Food Security in East Asia in the Present and Near-Future  
**Thesis department:** Department of Political Science (23-KP)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** Mgr. Bohumil Doboš, Ph.D.  
**Reviewer(s):** PhDr. Michael Romancov, Ph.D.  
**Date of defence:** 19.09.2024   **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of the examination:** [in person] The student's defence included his motivations, the relevance of the topic, the international context, the present food deficits in the selected countries, and the main findings towards food security in the near future.  
CU Committee: Dr. Romancov reads the most critical reviews and major shortcomings highlighted by both reviewers and asks the student to elaborate on the thesis' weaknesses and the missing connection between the topic and geopolitics.  
The student tries to explain why he considers the topic should speak for itself in relation to geopolitics.  
Prof Malvína suggests that given the approach, perhaps there was an overabundance of case selection.  
Prof. Tang asks the student to evaluate whether Japan's disposal of nuclear waste into the ocean is a threat to food security.  
The student answers.  
No further questions from the committee.

**Result of defence:** very good (D)

**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) .....