



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

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**Student's name and surname:** Daniel Olah  
**Student's ID:** 53248523

**Type of the study programme:** Master's (post-Bachelor)  
**Study programme:** Geopolitical Studies  
**Study ID:** 753651

**Title of the thesis:** Subversion as the Modus Operandi - China's integration of influence operations into the Belt and Road Initiative as a mode of disrupting geopolitical powers in Vietnam and Pakistan

**Thesis department:** Department of Political Science (23-KP)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** PhDr. Michael Romancov, Ph.D.  
**Reviewer(s):** doc. Martin Riegl, Ph.D.  
**Consultant(s):** Christina Anna Korak  
**Date of defence:** 19.09.2024    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of the examination:** [in person] The student presented his thesis defence by mentioning the motivations behind the study. He then elaborated on the structure he followed in building his argument. He explained the methodological choices leading to the multi-method approach. He highlighted some of the challenges and limitations when carrying out some of the interviews while defending the value of the work. He then proceeded to address some of the shortcomings mentioned by one of the reviewers.

Prof. Malvína asks about the number of interviews, and the student complements his answer by mentioning he had between 5 and 6 semi-structured interviews, one of which must not be disclosed. No further questions from Prof. Tang or the CU Committee.

**Result of defence:** excellent (B)

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

**Committee members:** Krausz Hladká Malvína, PhDr., Ph.D. ....  
(present)  
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Tang Hsin-wei, prof. (present) .....