




PROTOCOL – THESIS DEFENCE

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DEFENCE DETAILS	
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Comments from Defence Committee on Student Defence	
<p>The student presented the content of his thesis, emphasizing its most important structural elements and highlighting its theoretical framework and its theory-driven conclusions, in particular. The committee then discussed with the student 1. how his findings are anchored in empirical evidence; 2. what hypotheses the thesis relied on, in particular, and how these differed between the two theories introduced; 3. Which assumptions led to the expectation that negotiations would change with Lisbon; and 4. What other variables not considered in the thesis could have contributed to the observed change in EU negotiations. The quality of the discussion during the defence was similar to the written thesis itself.</p>	

Thesis Grade	6.3
Defence Grade	6.2

Signature – 1st Chair	
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