



FACULTY
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
Charles University

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

Academic year: 2023/2024

Student's name and surname: David Blanes Sánchez
Student's ID: 29199315

Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: Geopolitical Studies
Study ID: 752771

Title of the thesis: The Saudi Iranian Rapprochement: A Neoclassical Realist Analysis
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): RNDr. Jan Kofroň, Ph.D.
Date of defence: 20.09.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of the examination: [in person] The student presented his thesis defence by explaining the theoretical choice and the dependent, independent, and intervening variables used in the study. He explained the reasoning behind his argumentative logic and the relevance of the study given the present-day context of Iran and Saudi Arabia. He concluded with the main findings.

CU Committee: Dr Kofroň highlights why neoclassical realism may fall short when you want to infer the leaders' perceptions. While he highlighted the solid theoretical grounding, Dr Kofroň is missing some comparison of similar studies as a way to confirm the inferences. Dr Dobos then joins the discussion with his own review. Dr Kofroň asks the student to recall the main finding and how it resonates with neoclassical realism. The student explains what in his opinion is the main contribution. No further questions.

Result of defence:	excellent (A)	
Chair of the board:	Romancov Michael, PhDr., Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	Kofroň Jan, RNDr., Ph.D. (present)
	Doboš Bohumil, Mgr., Ph.D. (present)