

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

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**Course of defence:** The student introduced the dissertation's structure, aims, and findings. Prof. Bures summarised the supervisor's review raising the issue of the theoretical underpinnings as well as methodological problems. Finally, the dissertation lacks a clear hierarchy of phenomena which would allow a more lucid analysis. Prof. Plechanovova summarised the reviewer's report bringing forward the issue of arbitrary regional focus, the issue of problematic theoretical underpinnings is reiterated as well. The student attempts to address the theoretical and methodological issues, attempting to provide the reasoning for regional focus and theoretical choices.

**Result of defence:** good (E)

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