

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

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Advisor: PhDr. Ivana Karásková, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): PhDr. Bc. et Bc. Aleš Karmazin, M.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.

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Course of defence: The student introduced the topic of his thesis "The Dragon's Pearls: Decoding the Chinese Strategy for the Indian Ocean". The Committee proceeded with reading of supervisor's and opponent's report, which highlighted certain weak points of the thesis – for example, too broad research objectives, issues of application of the chosen theory to certain hypotheses, and lack of clarity for case selection. The student then addressed the issues raised in the reports and some additional questions asked by the Committee (e.g., explanatory values of chosen theories).

Result of defence: excellent (B)

Chair of the board: doc. PhDr. Běla Plechanovová, CSc.
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