

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

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Title of the thesis: Russia's Syria policy: geopolitical interests or defense of great power identity?
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Reviewer(s): Ekaterina Ananyeva, BA, M.A., Ph.D.

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Course of defence: The chair of the commission invited to the student to introduce his thesis. The student by proceeding to outline the theoretical and methodological framework and show how the performed congruence analysis can contribute an answer to the question about Russia's involvement in Syria. Afterwards, the empirical findings were explained and related to distinguish between applicable theoretical stances. Prof. Hynek summarised the reviewer's reports, focusing on the raised critical points, mostly entailing processing of the empirical material. The commission considered the defence persuasive. The defence was concluded.

Result of defence: excellent (A)

Chair of the board: prof. PhDr. RNDr. Nikola Hynek, Ph.D.,
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