



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

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**Language of the thesis:** English

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**Advisor:** Marcin Kaczmarek, Dr.

**Reviewer(s):** Dr. Caitriona Dowd

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**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The student convincingly introduced the dissertation. The committee asked the student to react to the critical comments mentioned in the reviews. The student responded to the criticism, mainly related to the methodological and conceptual framework, and the comparative design. At the request of the committee, the student also commented on what could have been done differently in light of the reviewers' feedback. The committee concluded the defence.

**Result of defence:** excellent (A)

**Chair of the board:** prof. PhDr. Emil Aslan, Ph.D. (present) .....

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