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

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Title of the thesis: Securitising biology: Biological threats and state preparedness in the wake of a pandemic
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Language of defence: English
Advisor: PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Karásek, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Eamonn Butler, Dr.

Date of defence: 15.09.2021 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: On behalf of the committee, Dr Stritecky began the defence by inviting the student to provide a brief overview of the dissertation research, including the main findings and theoretical/methodological framework used to realize them. The student proceeded to do so and explained the securitization processes involved in bio threats and pandemics. The case logic was explained and operationalization outlined. Next, the particularities of the performed discourse/document analysis of the U.S. case were described. Dr. Stritecky summarized the referee reports and the student was invited to respond to the raised points. The case selection was discussed, concerning the distinction between Ebola and HIV. The defence concluded the defence.

Result of defence: excellent (A)

Chair of the board: PhDr. Vít Střítecký, M.Phil., Ph.D. (present)

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