



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

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**Type of the study programme:** Master's (post-Bachelor)  
**Study programme:** International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSISS)

**Branch of study:** International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies

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**Title of the thesis:** The Islamic Petroleum State: A study of US-Led airstrikes against ISIS's oil network in Iraq and Syria

**Thesis department:** Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)

**Language of the thesis:** English

**Language of defence:** English

**Advisor:** Dr. Caitriona Dowd

**Reviewer(s):** Mgr. Petr Špelda, Ph.D.

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

**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The student introduced the dissertation. The committee asked the student to react to the critical comments mentioned in the reviews. The students responded to the criticism, mainly related to the value of data disaggregation by location, the analytical arc in each section, the indicators and their measurements, and the presentation of the Islamic State. At the request of the committee, the student also commented on the possible generalisation of the findings. The committee praised the student's research and concluded the defence.

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

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

**Committee members:** PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Karásek, Ph.D. (present) .....  
Eamonn Butler, Dr. (present) .....