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**PROTOKOL O HODNOCENÍ DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE**  
**(Posudek vedoucího)**

Práci předložil(a) student(ka): **Lucie Hlubučková**

Název práce: **Diskurzivní analýza prezentace Íránu v americkém tisku**

Vedoucí práce (u externích vedoucích uveďte též adresu a funkci v rámci instituce):

**doc. PhDr. Francis Raška, PhD.**

1. OBSAH A CÍL PRÁCE (stručná informace o práci, formulace cíle):

**This MA dissertation represents a discourse analysis of how leading American daily newspapers cover Iran. The student applies Edward Said's theory of Orientalism.**

2. VĚCNÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ (náročnost, tvůrčí přístup, argumentace, logická struktura, teoretické a metodologické ukotvení, práce s prameny a literaturou, vhodnost příloh apod.):

**The topic is challenging and the student approaches the issue in an interesting way. Many sources have been consulted and the argumentation is sound. The easy-to-read graphs are greatly appreciated.**

3. FORMÁLNÍ A JAZYKOVÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ (jazykový projev, správnost citace a odkazů na literaturu, grafická úprava, formální náležitosti práce apod.):

**I have found no major problems with language, grammar, or citation of sources.**

4. KONTROLA ORIGINALITY TEXTU

Prohlašuji, že jsem se seznámil/a s výsledkem kontroly originality textu závěrečné práce v systému:

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Komentář k výsledku kontroly:

**There are no issues insofar as originality is concerned.**

5. STRUČNÝ KOMENTÁŘ HODNOTITELE (celkový dojem z diplomové práce, silné a slabé stránky, originalita myšlenek, naplnění cíle apod.):

**Lucie Hlubučková has produced a Master's dissertation on American press coverage of Iran. The treatise takes the form of a discourse analysis of major American daily newspapers. Lucie has divided the work into an Introduction, two main chapters (divided into sections), and a Conclusion. She consulted with me on a regular basis and it is obvious that she devoted ample time and energy to the project. In the following paragraphs, I will offer my comments on each part of the work.**

**The Introduction is very brief and spells out the aim of the dissertation, which is to analyze how the New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal have covered Iran since the American killing of Quassem Suleimani, who was the leader of the feared and internationally reviled Revolutionary Guards. I am happy with how Lucie has introduced the work.**

**Chapter 1 explains the theoretical underpinning of the treatise. Lucie begins with an historical overview of US-Iranian relations. Though I do not personally agree with everything Lucie has written, I respect her views. She subsequently provides a theoretical background to media studies, discourse analysis, content analysis, and the theory of Orientalism. Lucie also furnishes an analysis of the relevant literature and states her two hypotheses. The first hypothesis posits that the editorials in leading American daily newspapers have Orientalist bias. In the second hypothesis, Lucie asserts the validity of van Dijk's theory that the presence of a certain type of discourse is designed to justify the activities of elites. The articles in favor of the attack on General Suleimani are more likely to contain Orientalist bias than those that are opposed to the operation. The entire methodology involving the selection of articles and how she measures the extent of bias is elucidated clearly. It is obvious that Lucie has carefully considered her project. The chapter is fine.**

**In Chapter 2, Lucie explains the practical aspect of the work. She has neatly divided her research into**

three distinct periods in 2020. The issue addressed is the killing of General Suleimani. The themes discussed are Islam as a threat, isolation, backwardness, the Orient's lack of trustworthiness, Oriental inferiority, and irrationality. Lucie goes into meticulous detail in her analysis of articles in each of the three selected newspapers. Her findings indicate that the most Orientalist bias is found in the Washington Post and the least in the New York Times. The chapter confirms the validity of the two hypotheses Lucie has presented.

Lucie recapitulates her main arguments in the Conclusion. The impression she has got from the articles is that Iran is presented as a country that is not a normal country with whom diplomatic methods can be employed to achieve results. Furthermore, the content of the articles serves to legitimize elite dominance, as well as to justify specific abuses of power.

**This dissertation meets the requirements for a Master's degree and deserves to be defended. I recommend A classification of A or B depending on the quality of the oral defense.**

6. SPOLUPRÁCE S VEDOUČÍM PRÁCE (komunikace s vedoucím práce, schopnost reflektovat připomínky, posun od původního záměru apod.)

**Lucie did consult with me and I have no complaints.**

7. OTÁZKY A PŘIPOMÍNKY DOPORUČENÉ K BLIŽŠÍMU VYSVĚTLENÍ PŘI OBHAJOBĚ (jedna až tři):  
**Is it possible that Edward Said's Orientalist theory is outdated? Please explain why or why not.**

8. **DOPORUČENÍ / NEDOPORUČENÍ K OBHAJOBĚ A NAVRHOVANÁ ZNÁMKA**  
(A a B výborně, C a D velmi dobře, E dobře, F nevyhovělo): **A or B depending on the oral defense**

Datum: **14 September 2021**

Podpis:

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