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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)
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Title of the thesis: Taming Human Nature: A Comparative Study of the Political Philosophies of Xunzi and Thomas Hobbes

Thesis department: Department of Political Science (23-KP)

Language of the thesis: English

Language of defence: English

Advisor: Janusz Salamon, Ph.D.

Reviewer(s): Mgr. Jakub Franěk, Ph.D.

Date of defence: 13.06.2022 **Venue of defence:** Praha

Attempt: regular

Course of defence: [in person] Student begins to address the criticism from the reviewers and the contribution from the thesis by pointing out the similarities and differences between the studied authors. CU Committee enquires on the added value of the thesis, since it is common to find comparisons of Hobbes and Xunzi. Dr. Salamon asks about how it would relate today in contemporary China. Student elaborates on the traceable and contrasting elements vis-a-vis the working class, and continues. Dr. Salamon recalls Dr. Franek's reviews so that the student elaborates on his critique. Student replies. Dr. Dobos asks about the reason for not having Xunzi's works compared to the references used on Hobbes. Student explains there are usually more secondary sources about Xunzi. No further questions from the CU Committee.

Result of defence:	excellent (B)	
Chair of the board:	Janusz Salamon, Ph.D. (present)
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