

**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 (IMSIS)

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

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**Title of the thesis:** The Authoritarian Shortcut: Russia's Unorthodox Population-Centric Counterinsurgency during the Second Chechen War and Strategic Implications for Western Military Planners

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

**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English

**Advisor:** Dr. Huseyn Aliyev

**Date of defence:** 16.09.2020      **Venue of defence:** Praha

**Course of defence:** The chair of the committee commenced the defence with an invite to introduce the key perspectives of the thesis - theoretical as well as methodological. The student began pointing at the counterinsurgency research gap he addressed in his research, further briefly mentioning the theoretical concepts utilised, data collection process, while highlighting the predicaments experienced while gathering empirical data in the field. He also added several points as for the practical implications of his research findings. Dr Karasek then posed a question about a possible comparison of the research findings with insurgencies in other region which was successfully addressed by the student. The other members of the committee asked the student to reflect on the ethical concerns - the student clarified his approach to the respondents and the measures he took as for the safety of the interviewees. Eventually, the chair formally closed the defence session.

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

**Chair of the board:** prof. Mgr. Oldřich Bureš, Ph.D., M.A. ....  
(present)

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