



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

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Course of defence: The defence was opened by the committee, asking the student to present the dissertation. The student elaborated on the research aims, research design and results results in a detailed way. The committee asked the student to react to the critical comments mentioned in the reviews. The student reacted, admitting that the reviewers' comments were meaningful. The committee also asked the student to comment on case selection, and the student explained the reasons behind the selection of the Stasi and the KGB. The committee also inquired into the feasibility of analysing both not only past but also present dynamics, and the student commented on the possibility of studying both and getting his research findings closer to current practices. The committee also debated some of the key findings with the student. Being satisfied with the student's performance, the committee concluded the defence.

Result of defence: excellent (B)

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