



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

Academic year: 2021/2022

**Student's name and surname:** Eliza Fike  
**Student's ID:** 63372131

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

**Study ID:** 685664

**Title of the thesis:** How think tanks shape discourse: An analysis of China's Belt and Road Initiative in the European Union through a case study of Greece

**Thesis department:** Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** prof. Jivanta Schottli  
**Date of defence:** 14.09.2022    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The student's presentation started with a description of the topic. Next, she moved to the description of the case study of Greece and presented the research questions. The theoretical basis of the thesis is based on the principles of the Copenhagen School. The thesis follows the methodological principles of a case study combined with discourse analysis. She focused on the influence of securitizing actors on the discourse on China and its Belt and Road Initiative. Furthermore, she summarized the research strategy she followed throughout her research. Finally, the student replied to the reviews. The committee raised one additional question: How do think tanks shape discourse? The student responded.

**Result of defence:** very good (D)

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

**Committee members:** prof. Louisa Rosemary Parks (present) .....  
Federica Prina, Dr. (present) .....