



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

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Title of the thesis: Criminal pandemic: A critical assessment of the impact of Covid-19 on Italian Organized Crime Groups (OCGs)
Thesis department: Department of Security Studies (23-KBS)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Dr. Caitriona Dowd
Date of defence: 14.09.2022 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The committee started the defense by inviting the student to describe research objectives, theoretical framework, methodological tools and major empirical findings. The student proceeded with a detailed overview of the thesis, both theoretically and empirically, stressing the importance of pandemic-organized crime nexus. The committee summarized the reports of the reviewers and asked the student to react to critical issues. The student agreed with certain shortfalls, while demonstrating the analytical ability to substantially justify his arguments.

Result of defence: excellent (A)

Chair of the board: prof. PhDr. RNDr. Nikola Hynek, Ph.D.,
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