



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

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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: Political Science
Branch of study: Master in International Security Studies
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Title of the thesis: Beneficial or Detrimental Relationship? The Case of State-Sponsored Terrorism and the Identity of Violent Non-State Actors
Thesis department: Department of Political Science (23-KP)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Mgr. Bohumil Doboš, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Mgr. Jonathan Collins
Date of defence: 26.01.2023 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: Student introduced the topic of the thesis, the case of state-sponsored terrorism and the identity of violent non-state actors, focusing on three actors in the Middle East. The goal was to find out, how the relationship between the proxy and the state sponsor is beneficial for the proxy, how the relationship shapes the identity, employing the principal-agent theory. Commission presented the reviews of the supervisor and opponent, including the critiques of the reviews, e. g. that the conclusion does not answer the research question, proper definition of identity (conceptualization) is lacking, critical discourse analysis is not including primary sources and the discussion section is missing. Student answered to these issues. Commission asked follow-up questions, student answered. Commission gave final grade of B.

Result of defence: excellent (B)

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