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

Academic year: 2023/2024

Student's name and surname:	Juan Manuel Cerezo Samperio
Student's ID:	69193142
Type of the study programme:	Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme:	Geopolitical Studies
Study ID:	757683
Title of the thesis:	Repercussions of Human Rights Violations in International Migration of Latin America, case study: Mexico as a migration corridor
Thesis department:	Department of Political Science (23-KP)
Language of the thesis:	English
Language of defence:	English
Advisor:	PhDr. Malvína Krausz Hladká, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s):	Mgr. Jaroslav Bílek, Ph.D.
Date of defence:	20.09.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt:	regular

Course of the examination:

[in person] The student presented his thesis defence, focusing on the topic's relevance given the importance of the Mexico-US corridor. He then explained how the issue affects geopolitical stability in the region. He then explained the methodology and the types of data included in the study. The student concluded by describing the main conclusions in connection with the present-day situation.
In formal terms the student relied on reading his notes while sitting during the defence with limited his eye contact with the examination board.

CU Committee: Dr Kofroň goes through the reviewers' comments, highlighting the lack of Spanish-speaking resources, the overabundance of objectives, and the descriptive nature of the study.
Dr Doboš reads the supervisor's remarks, pointing out the shortcomings in the methodology, which lacks analytical depth, concurring with the abundance of objectives.
Dr Kofroň asks the student to elaborate on each of the critical shortcomings, given that they could lead to an E or F.
The student pragmatically explains why there are not so many resources in the Spanish language, given that he is using academic English. Then, he mentions the exploratory nature of his study given the complexity of the topic, which, combined with his inexperience, led to several objectives. He also explains why he is combining the diplomatic relations between the US and Mexico with the human rights violations.
Dr Kofroň draws attention to the lack of methodology. Since the text only has bullet points, it fails to deliver what a methodological section should be.

The student mentions the challenges of his mixed-methods approach, so Dr Kofroň asks the student what he understands by mixed-methods. The student replies inaccurately, confusing statistical data as quantitative methods when it is quantitative data instead.
No further questions from the committee.

Result of defence: good (E)

Chair of the board: Romancov Michael, PhDr., Ph.D. (present) ....

Committee members: Kofroň Jan, RNDr., Ph.D. (present) ....

Doboš Bohumil, Mgr., Ph.D. (present) ....

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