



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

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Reviewer(s): Mgr. et Mgr. Tomáš Kučera, Ph.D.

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Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The committee initiated the defence by inviting the student to provide a brief overview of the main findings of the submitted dissertation and the applied theoretical/methodological framework. The student introduced the background, motivations, and the main research questions of the dissertations. Next, the student explained the logic behind the case selection and the details on both the Belarus and Uzbek cases. Dr Stritecky followed by introducing both referee reports, highlighting the questions raised by the second referee on the methodology. The student proceeded to respond to the critique. The committee concluded the defence.

Result of defence: excellent (A)

Chair of the board: PhDr. Vít Strítecký, M.Phil., Ph.D. (present)

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