



## Report on the part of the master 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  
**Study ID:** 641338

**Title of the thesis:** Russia's Wars in the Ukraine and Georgia: A parallel case study of Russia's choice to engage in the 2014 Ukraine Crisis and 2008 Russo-Georgian War

**Thesis department:** Department of International Relations (23-KMV)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** Mgr. Bc. Jakub Tesař, Ph.D.  
**Reviewer(s):** Mgr. Jan Ludvík, Ph.D.

**Date of defence:** 23.09.2021      **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The committee began the defence by inviting the student to introduce the dissertation, including an outline of the main empirical findings and the theoretical/methodological framework used to obtain them. The student proceeded to do so. Doc Stritecký summarized the review reports, emphasising the main points raised in them. The student addressed the supervisor's question on a high variable correlation and the possibility for the model to accommodate different scenarios. The committee deliberated and concluded the defence as successful.

**Result of defence:** excellent (B)

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

**Committee members:** PhDr. Vít Strítecký, M.Phil., Ph.D. (present) .....  
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