



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

Academic year: 2023/2024

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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: International Economic and Political Studies with specialisation in International Politics

Study ID: 598577

Title of the thesis: Comparison of the trade of China with the EU and the US.
Thesis department: Department of Political Science (23-KP)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: doc. Ing. Vladimír Benáček, CSc.
Reviewer(s): Ing. Vilém Semerák, M.A., Ph.D.
Date of defence: 29.01.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: [Online with intermittent connectivity and quality audio difficulties]
The student presented the thesis defence beginning with the topic, its relevance, and the reasoning behind the comparative approach between China, the EU and the US.

CU Committee: Dr Brunclík asks the student to mention the main contribution of the study, considering the reviewers highlighted critical shortcomings.
The student mentions the potential of trade cooperation in the future.

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CU Committee: Dr Semerák goes through his review as an opponent, mentioning the missing references.
The student explained the misunderstanding and that the references list had been sent.

CU Committee: Dr Semerák then asks to elaborate on the methodology and focus, was it the comparison of trade or trade policies?
The student says the focus is on trade policies.

CU Committee: Dr. Semerák points out that the section on policy comparison is rather limited and superficial, while the highest load is in trade. Then, Dr. Semerák mentions that if the study compares policies, would it be possible to see which country has the highest or lowest load of protectionist measures? Highest and lowest entry barriers between the compared countries.

The student says the question is not understood but that China has the lowest entry barriers, but Dr Semerák highlights that it is quite the opposite, given the example of the services sector.

CU Committee: Dr. Semerák asked if the student could make a comparison on trade barriers or customs tariffs.
The student says the question is unclear and the Committee tries to rephrase it for a better understanding without success. The student does not answer.

CU Committee: Dr. Semerák asked the student to elaborate on the main research question.
The student mentions that interest was on the benefits of trade and elaborates.

CU Committee: Dr Semerák asked the student what was the most interesting contribution.
The student says China should minimize friction for the trade benefits, but does not elaborate.

CU Committee: Dr Brunclík reads the reviewer's assessments in terms of missing recent data and superficial analysis.
The student does not comment on the thesis's shortcomings based on the reviewers' assessment.

No further questions from the committee.

Result of defence:	fail (F)	
Chair of the board:	doc. PhDr. Miloš Brunclík, Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	Mgr. Jakub Franěk, Ph.D. (present)
	Ing. Vilém Semerák, M.A., Ph.D. (present)