



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

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Study programme: Social Sciences
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Title of the thesis: Understanding the Challenges of Waste Management in Vientiane, Laos

Thesis department: Department of Public and Social Policy (23-KVSP)

Language of the thesis: English

Language of defence: English

Advisor: Mirna Jusić, M.A., Ph.D.

Reviewer(s): Aysha Farhana Chakkampully

Date of defence: 20.06.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of the examination: The chair of the committee began the exam. The student presented her thesis in about 15 minutes.

The supervisor read her review. She thought the thesis was a well-written piece, shedding light on waste management challenges in the given city. All parts of the thesis were adequately addressed. The only limitation according to the supervisor is the sample size, although it is not a major limitation due to the nature of the actual sample.

The opponent then read her review. The thesis has covered the research questions and aims. Yet she had three questions, the first one relating to the number of participants and the recruitment of participants, the second one regarding potential sustainable waste management policies, and the third one relating to any community cultural factors impacting sustainable waste management practices.

Opponent's question:

'I suggest discussing the role of policy interventions in enhancing waste management practices and behavioral changes in Vientiane. Specifically, how can local governments and international organizations collaborate more effectively to implement sustainable waste management solutions? Additionally, exploring the impact of cultural factors on waste management behaviors and practices in Vientiane could provide valuable insights for the defense discussion.'

Supervisor's question:

'How does the collaboration between different stakeholders in the waste management system in Vientiane, which is presented as quite

strong, contribute to improving waste management, despite all the challenges that you mention in your thesis?'

The student explained her sampling approach and provided background to the other questions.

The committee discussed the evaluation. While the limitations of the thesis are understandable, the explanations and justifications given for them were not too convincing. The level of analysis could be deeper. The committee agreed on the grade B.

Result of defence:	excellent (B)	
Chair of the board:	Hájek Martin, doc. Mgr., Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	Kotherová Zuzana, Ing., Ph.D. (present)
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