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

Academic year: 2023/2024

Student's name and surname: Lobna Sabet Amin Awwad
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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: Journalism, Media and Globalisation
Study ID: 763866

Title of the thesis: Echoes of a War: Egypt's Al Ahram's Five-Decade Coverage of the 1973 Egyptian-Israeli War
Thesis department: Department of Journalism (23-KZ)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Mgr. Sandra Lábová, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): doc. Robert Silverio, Ph.D.
Date of defence: 18.09.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of the examination: Lobna Sabet Amin Awwad defended her thesis "Echoes of a War: Egypt's Al Ahram's Five-Decade Coverage of the 1973 Egyptian-Israeli War."
First, she presented her thesis, its topic, structure, methods, and results. She analyzed an Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram's coverage of the war throughout decades since the war. Using mixed methods, she identified consistent glorification of the Egyptian military and narratives tending to be aligned with Egyptian political leadership both via analysis of the newspaper's content and via interviews with editors working for the newspaper.
In her review, the thesis supervisor suggested the final grade between A and B. She pointed out the strong points of the thesis as well as room for improvement: more context, broader literature review, theoretical framework enhanced by memory studies, integrating semi-structured interviews more and better into the main methodological arguments. She asked about semi-structured interviews and how could it be better integrated.
In his review, the thesis opponent also suggested the final grade between A and B. He pointed some formal issues, but mostly focused on the interviews being too separate from the rest of the other methods used. He asked about circulation of the newspaper.
The student then reacted to the reviews. She discussed multimodal analysis and her relative backgrounding of the interviews. She explained the logic of her approach in her research in detail, as well as some limitations she had to face. She talked about the newspaper she analyzed and its circulation. She also answered additional questions by the committee in detail.
The committee decided that based on the thesis itself, the reviews, and the defense, the final grade should be B.

Result of defence:	excellent (B)	
Chair of the board:	Silverio Robert, doc., Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	Lábová Sandra, Mgr., Ph.D. (present)
	Macková Veronika, Mgr., Ph.D. (present)