



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

Academic year: 2023/2024

Student's name and surname: Allegra Rose Diamond
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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: Journalism, Media and Globalisation
Study ID: 763872

Title of the thesis: Female war correspondents and access in conflict zones
Thesis department: Department of Journalism (23-KZ)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Mgr. Veronika Macková, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Mgr. Sandra Lábová, Ph.D.
Date of defence: 18.09.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of the examination: Allegra Rose Diamond defended her thesis "Female war correspondents and access in conflict zones."
First, she presented her thesis, its topic, structure, methods, and results. She introduced the main issue of gender in journalistic work in conflict zones, talked about her theoretical framework, methodological choices, analytical issues, findings and their meaning: being a woman is an important factor in getting access to/in conflict zones.
In her review, the thesis supervisor suggested "B" as the final grade. More context could be added, there were also some issues with appropriate word choices or too rigid binary categorization of some issues as either "positive" or "negative". She asked about the most surprising statements from the respondents and about categorizing issues from the replies.
In her review, the thesis opponent suggested the final grade between B and C. Same as the supervisor, she focuses on the restrictive binary framework that is in contrast with the actual findings of the research that show much more depth and complexity. Discussion of theories is incorrectly placed in the literature review, various issues would need to be better and more clearly explained and some are presented in overly simplifying way. The research design is presented in a confusing and unstructured way. The limitations should be more discussed especially related to the subjectivity of the respondents. References of concrete passages also often lack page numbers. She asked about the how the access of the female war correspondents could be improved.
The student then reacted to the reviews. She explained her choices in constructing her research framework and how she evaluated importance of various categories. She discussed the most interesting statements from her respondents and their meaning. She also talked

about her suggestions based on her research to improve the situation. She also reacted to additional questions by the committee. 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)