



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

Academic year: 2023/2024

**Student's name and surname:** Chu Yang  
**Student's ID:** 35408825

**Type of the study programme:** Master's (post-Bachelor)  
**Study programme:** Journalism, Media and Globalisation  
**Study ID:** 772167

**Title of the thesis:** Who Decides What's News: News Frame Analysis of China's Covid-19 coverage of The New York Times and The Washington Post

**Thesis department:** Department of Journalism (23-KZ)

**Language of the thesis:** English

**Language of defence:** English

**Advisor:** Mgr. Jan Miessler

**Reviewer(s):** Mgr. Veronika Macková, Ph.D.

**Date of defence:** 18.09.2024    **Venue of defence:** Praha

**Attempt:** regular

**Course of the examination:** Chu Yang defended her thesis "Who Decides What's News: News Frame Analysis of China's Covid-19 coverage of the New York Times and the Washington Post."  
First, she presented his thesis, its topic, structure, methods, and results. She explained the importance of the issues and the underlying logic of her choices in her research, and the meaning of his results. Comparison of NYT and WP in their coverage of China as the origin of COVID-19 allows for critical comparison of two mainstream hard news US media outlets. The author uses framing analysis as a theoretical framework and content analysis as a method, explaining and discussing the results.  
In his review, the thesis supervisor suggested "A" as the final grade. The only flaw mentioned was a missing detailed explanation of how the analysis has been done.  
In her review, the thesis opponent suggested the final grade between A and B. She would expect more context about some essential issues covered by the thesis. Her questions focused on the presence of US foreign correspondents in China.  
The student then reacted to the reviews and explained the issues in question. She explained the role of financial constraints in the presence or not of foreign correspondents in China.  
The committee decided that based on the thesis itself, the reviews, and the defense, the final grade should be A.

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