



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

Academic year: 2023/2024

Student's name and surname:	Sebastiaen Toon Jan Van Aert
Student's ID:	89159763
Type of the study programme:	Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme:	Journalism, Media and Globalisation
Study ID:	763892
Title of the thesis:	Traditional Foreign Correspondence in Crisis? A Dutch Perspective.
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. Anna Hrbáčková
Date of defence:	18.09.2024
Venue of defence:	Praha
Attempt:	regular
Course of the examination:	<p>Sebastiaen Toon Jan Van Aert defended his thesis “Traditional Foreign Correspondence in Crisis? A Dutch Perspective.” First, he presented her thesis, its topic, structure, methods, and results. He contextualized his research, explained its importance, its theoretical significance, explained his methodological approach and presented his results.</p> <p>In her review, the thesis supervisor suggested “A” as the final grade. She appreciates the topic, theoretical framework, application of correct methods and good discussion of results. She asked about most surprising interview replies and importance of foreign correspondent posts.</p> <p>In her review, the thesis opponent also suggested the final grade between A and B. She suggested that some key sources used were obsolete, she questioned interview questions and the scope of the questions in actual interviews, and decision of not including the parachute journalists in the research design. She asked about ethical issues with anonymizing respondents and about parachute journalists.</p> <p>The student then reacted to the reviews. He went trough the questions posed by the supervisor and opponent one by one and justified his decision, claiming that he focused on the key issues and coped with limited access to possible respondents and providing his reasons and arguments. He also explained the issue with anonymization</p> <p>The committee decided that based on the thesis itself, the reviews, and the defense, the final grade should be A.</p>

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