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

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**Type of the study programme:** Master's (post-Bachelor)  
**Study programme:** Journalism, Media and Globalisation  
**Study ID:** 763877

**Title of the thesis:** Televised Imperialism: Normalisation of Russian irredentism in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus through the Kremlin-controlled Channel One news coverage, following the full-scale invasion of Ukraine

**Thesis department:** Department of Journalism (23-KZ)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Advisor:** PhDr. Michal Dimitrov, Ph.D.  
**Reviewer(s):** doc. PhDr. Alice Němcová Tejkalová, Ph.D.  
**Date of defence:** 19.09.2024    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of the examination:** Aren Melikyan presented his thesis "Televised Imperialism: Normalisation of Russian irredentism in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus through the Kremlin-controlled Channel One news coverage following the full-scale invasion of Ukraine". First, he started with the introduction and continued with research questions. He also outlined the theoretical background and methodology. Then, he presented the results of his analysis and discussion. Michal Dimitrov, as a supervisor, presented his review first. He mentioned that the exact methodology was unclear. However, he appreciated the critical reflection and suggested B or C. Alice Němcová Tejkalová, as an opponent, emphasized that her objections are connected to methodology (non-transparent - and she believes that analyzing 120 hours is impossible to research by qualitative strategies, mixing some approaches of other techniques). She also identified the structure and formatting as problematic. But, she appreciated the discussion and idea behind the topic. Aren Melikyan answered and discussed all the questions.

**Result of defence:** very good (C)

**Chair of the board:** Němcová Tejkalová Alice, doc. PhDr., Ph.D. ....  
(present)

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