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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:	Laura Tatiana Perez Molina
Student's ID:	82903690
Type of the study programme:	Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme:	Geopolitical Studies
Study ID:	754236
Title of the thesis:	Geopolitical Representations of Russia and Ukraine in the Spanish Version of Russia Today news media
Thesis department:	Department of Political Science (23-KP)
Language of the thesis:	English
Language of defence:	English
Advisor:	PhDr. Malvína Krausz Hladká, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s):	Mgr. Bohumil Doboš, Ph.D.
Date of defence:	20.09.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt:	regular

Course of the examination:

[in person] The student presented her thesis defence by explaining her academic and personal motivations to examine the narratives behind Russia Today in Spanish. She then explains her methodological choices to analyse the corpus of 667 articles using Sketch Engine. She then illustrated the main findings in terms of main narratives and how they resonate with Latin America with an understanding of the context behind each narrative.

CU Committee: Dr Kofroñ goes though the supervisor's assessment highlighting the positive aspects, but mentioning the limitation of the timeframe used in the study. Dr Dobos concurs the timeframe configures a limitation, especially because it is not explained in the text.
Dr Kofroñ asks the student to elaborate on why that timeframe and the student explains the limitation was given by the search engine.
Dr Kofroñ mentions the importance of including an appendix that includes the list of articles used in the study, precisely preventing the search engine limitation and aiming for replicability of external readers.
Dr Kofroñ mentions it should be desirable to include a more technical explanation of how the software used works either in the methodological section or as an appendix, which helps the study's robustness.

Result of defence: excellent (B)

Chair of the board: Romancov Michael, PhDr., Ph.D. (present) ....

Committee members: Kofroň Jan, RNDr., Ph.D. (present) ....

Doboš Bohumil, Mgr., Ph.D. (present) ....