COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

**ORAL EXAMINATION FOR THE MA DEFENSE**

NAME OF CANDIDATE: DATE OF EXAM:

TITLE OF THESIS:

LANGUAGES:

1. **Decision of the examiners (check one)** Pass \_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_

If the decision is to fail the thesis, please give reasons:

2. **Distinction.** Distinction is a Departmental honor and does not appear on the student’s transcript. It is reserved for exceptional cases where, in the opinion of the examiners, the originality of research and quality of writing would merit publication of the thesis in a leading academic journal in the candidate’s field.

With Distinction \_\_\_\_

3. **For candidates in the MA to PhD Program:**

The candidate (check one) is \_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_ recommended to continue towards the PhD degree.

**Examiners:**

First Reader \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Second Reader \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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