

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Economic and Ethical Impacts of Immigration

OVERALL ASSESSMENT (provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):

Please provide your assessment of each of the following four categories, summary and suggested questions for the discussion. The minimum length of the report is 300 words.

Contribution: Motivated by the recent dynamic movements in migration flows in Europe, this thesis aims to present the recent evidence concerning changes in labor force of major European countries and to draw predictions for employment of native population in the corresponding countries.

Methods: The core methods used to explore the relation of interest are OLS and 2SLS regression models. Specifically, the author run these models using the data of 17 European countries with native employment rate (the ratio of employed and active population) as a dependent variable. The independent variables include share of immigrant as well as a set of country-education and education-time fixed effects to capture heterogeneity across countries and educational groups. Further, the instrumental variable used in the 2SLS procedure includes the predicted stocks of immigrants by region of origin.

Literature: The literature review consists of two main parts. First, the author briefly outlines the main challenges the immigrants face in the foreign countries as documented by prior studies. Second, the author discusses the possible impact of the immigrants on the employment rate of natives. It is important to note that the title of the first part of the literature is not informative and does not help understand the content of the subsection, whereas the second part is well-written and include numerous examples of the extant literature.

Manuscript form: The manuscript has the correct academic structure. It begins with an introduction of the topic, which is followed by the discussion of current state of knowledge, the data description, the empirical section, the results and the conclusion. Overall, the structure of the thesis is logical and well written, though the document includes some inconsistencies in the text format and need some extra editing (not much).

Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

In summary, the bachelor thesis is a competent work exploring recent developments in migration flows in major European countries. The manuscript documents the relationship between the share of immigrants in the country and employment outcomes of native population. The topic and findings of the thesis are especially important in the light of the recent migration crisis in Europe.

For the discussion during the defense, I would have few clarifying comments. The author's definition of immigrant on the page 5 might be imprecise. The author defined the term immigrant as "a person born in a different country". This definition seems to be too narrow. Also, it would be interesting to include a brief discussion of possible policy implications of the findings of this thesis.

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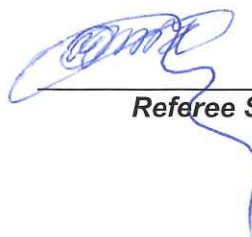
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SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	20 points
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	20 points
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	20 points
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	15 points
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	75 points
GRADE (A – B – C – D – E – F)	C

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