

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Problematika sociálního bydlení

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

Contribution

The thesis deals with social housing, a multi disciplinary topic in social economics that is relevant not only to economists and policy makers but also to a wide public audience. The key aim of the thesis consists in assessing the assumptions of such a social housing policy that would be efficient, economical and sustainable. The thesis intends to contribute into the public discussion in the Czech context by proposing specific innovations.

Methods

In the analytical part, the author gathers his own data set and carries out an independent work with the data. Methodology is put into the context and gets introduced in a generally understandable manner.

The paper employs methods that are simple but acceptable for a bachelor thesis (simple OLS, heteroskedasticity and multicollinearity testing). Individual research questions are transformed into separate models. Obtained results are further evaluated and discussed.

Literature

The thesis lacks in a standard, sufficiently detailed literature review that would describe various approaches to the topic in the latest economic literature. Instead, its theoretical part delivers a comprehensive introduction into the field of social housing, its local and European policy and historical context. The theoretical part is rather broad and purely descriptive.

Manuscript form

The thesis consists of a descriptive theoretical part and an applied work with original self gathered data set including description of obtained results. However, the overall manuscript form does not meet the highest standards. Also a thesis written in Czech, compiled in MS Word should use the academic vocabulary forming a language without mistakes, typos and other language imperfections that negatively influence reader's experience. The author also does not respect usual standard of the used referencing convention.

Overall, the author delivers a self-contained independent work devoted to a specific research field. The author delivers answers that are backed by independent data analysis.

I recommend this bachelor thesis for defense. In the case of successful defense, I recommend the grade C.

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Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	15
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	10
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	75
GRADE (A – B – C – D – E – F)	C

NAME OF THE REFEREE: *Ondřej Filip*

DATE OF EVALUATION: *27 August 2018*

Referee Signature

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value added of the thesis.*

<i>Strong</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Weak</i>
30	15	0

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated, and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

<i>Strong</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Weak</i>
30	15	0

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

<i>Strong</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Weak</i>
20	10	0

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

<i>Strong</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Weak</i>
20	10	0

Overall grading:

TOTAL	GRADE
91 – 100	A
81 - 90	B
71 - 80	C
61 – 70	D
51 – 60	E
0 – 50	F