

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	The relationship of cultural and non-cultural characteristics of countries with the sharing economy size

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

Author's aim is to analyse the impact of cultural characteristics on the development of sharing economy in a country. He uses cross-sectional data for World countries from 2018 and data for the EU from two different years but pooled into one cross-sectional dataset. It would be an excellent thesis but for one; the author does not inform the reader about his testing of assumptions of the Linear regression model. If assumptions are not fulfilled, then the results are worthless. In the opposite case they are highly contributive.

Methods

Author uses OLS method for estimation of his Linear regression models. Specification of his models is good, he uses disposable datasets on sharing economy and cultural characteristics and adds some logical control variables. As stated above, he does not inform us about any standard assumptions' testing what is a real problem. In the regression on European data, I would suggest to add a time dummy.

Literature

Literature survey is well done and is one of the contributions of this thesis.

Manuscript form

Manuscript form is good..

Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

This thesis is on a very interesting topic, it is well written and nice in all aspects except of the above stated problem of testing assumptions of the Linear Regression Model. I suggest to discuss especially this problem. Another for me curious thing is the construction of the Hofstede index, is it stable in time or does it change (author of this thesis gives us the information that Hofstede worked on this index from about 1970 to 2010)?

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

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

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

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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.*

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Overall grading:

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