

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Determinants of divorce: Evidence from the Czech Republic

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

Contribution

Thesis achieves a goal from the proposal and provides a compelling case for used methods using relevant knowledge. Author is aware of thesis limits. Contribution is more than adequate for a bachelor thesis.

Methods

Constrained by using available aggregate panel data, author uses appropriate methods and tools for analysis. Author is diligently fully exhausting all possibilities of the data. Selection and diagnosing part are on very high level.

Author could have used an Appendix to show the value of fixed affects and present and discuss regional differences in divorce rates in detail.

Literature

Thesis uses appropriate and modern literature. Citations are done in the proper way.

Literature review is split to discussion of divorce in main part of the thesis and discussion of marriage vs. cohabitation in the Appendix. A few brief paragraphs about marriage and cohabitation are weaved into the main text, referencing the Appendix. Clarity of the literature review could be greatly improved by starting with a brief subchapter discussing just marriage and cohabitation in the Czech context and then divorce determinants in isolation. Clear picture why people choose marriage over any other partnership is needed for understanding divorce rate. Nature of the used data doesn't allow for a deep analysis, so abovementioned issue has no big impact on the contribution of the thesis.

Manuscript form

Thesis is a pleasure to read. Author uses good academic language and style. Text and tables are spot-on. Bibliography is complete. Small typographical mistakes are not lowering the overall impression.

Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

Thesis more then satisfies all requirements for a bachelor thesis. Literature review and diligence of empirical work are above expected level. Grade A is recommended.

1. How existence of prenuptial agreements affects divorce rate?
2. In your thesis you use „fixed effects“ and „individual effects“ interchangeably . Is there any difference between them? If not, why not to use just use one of them?

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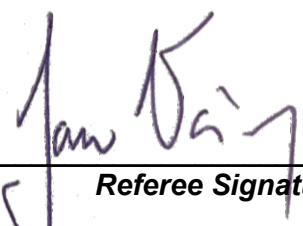
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SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	30
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	30
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	15
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	95
GRADE (A – B – C – D – E – F)	A

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Ing. Jan Vávra

DATE OF EVALUATION: 03/06/2020



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.*

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.*

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

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.*

Overall grading:

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