Report on **Bachelor / Master Thesis**

Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Student:	**Ivan Trubelík**
Advisor:	**PhDr. Martina Mysíková, Ph.D.**
Title of the thesis:	**The Wage Curve and Regional Salary Differentials in the Czech Republic**

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

In his thesis, Ivan Trubelík aims to empirically test the presence of the wage curve (a negative relationship between wage level and unemployment rate) in the Czech Republic. The wage curve has been widely discussed in the literature, both from theoretical perspective as well as tested empirically, including studies from the Czech Republic. This thesis contributes to the rich literature on this topic by using very recent panel data from 2008-2017. This makes a nice contribution for a bachelor thesis. The research questions and contribution are clearly formulated and the thesis is clearly written and well organized.

Methods

The first part of the thesis provides a detailed overview of the existing literature on the topic, both of theoretical contributions and empirical studies. In the main part of the thesis, Ivan states his hypotheses and tests them using the panel and cross-sectional data, using standard and appropriate statistical and econometric methods. Ivan follows the methodology established by previous studies and nicely links his approach to the previous literature.

Literature

The literature review section is clearly structured and Ivan seems to have a sound knowledge of the relevant literature, including the most recent contributions. The hypotheses, methods and results are also discussed in the context of the existing studies.

Manuscript form

The thesis reads well and is written in good English. The tables and figures are well-organized and clearly communicate the results.

Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

To sum up, I believe the thesis fulfills the requirements for a bachelor thesis at IES, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, and suggest grade A.

The results of the Urkund analysis do not indicate significant text similarity with other available sources.

Suggested question for the discussion during the defense: Could you please explain the intuition why the observed negative relationship between unemployment and wage level disappears after including

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regional fixed effects? This seem to be an important results (as you describe consistent with findings of several previous studies) and it might have been worth to elaborate more on its interpretation in the results or concluding section.

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

CATEGORY		**POINTS**
Contribution	*(max. 30 points)*	27
Methods	*(max. 30 points)*	28
Literature	*(max. 20 points)*	20
Manuscript Form	*(max. 20 points)*	20
TOTAL POINTS	*(max. 100 points)*	**95**
GRADE	**(A – B – C – D – E – F)**	**A**

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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.*

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**