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Referee report on the Bachelor/Master Thesis submitted to State Exam

Student Name:	Martina Dušková
Thesis Supervisor Name:	Martin Gregor, PhD.
Thesis Title:	Microeconomic Analysis of International Terrorism

Overall Evaluation:

Martina presents an original analysis of economic aspects of international terrorism. Her thesis is well structured and rigorously written. It starts with a brief description of theoretical and empirical literature and lists economic factors that are affected by terrorism. There is also interesting historical exposition to international terrorism. Next, she presents simple static game theoretical model to shed light of policies fighting the terrorism, which is a clear value added of this thesis.

I am myself quite skeptical about modelling international terrorism as a rational choice problem, but I fully understand that it is a useful starting point for more comprehensive analysis of this phenomenon. In addition, I am bit puzzled by the fact that Martina cites one of most influential recent articles on international terrorism by Krueger and Maleckova (2003, Journal of Economic Perspectives) in her references, but do not discuss the article at all. Krueger and Maleckova argue that most terrorists are relatively well off and educated, and are reacting to political conditions such as corruption that they abhor within their societies. However, I consider that thesis does not contain the discussion of this article as minor point.

It has to be emphasized that Martina shows a good proficiency in applied microeconomics and reading her thesis is very enjoyable. All in all, I recommend grade A for the thesis defense.

SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for the explanation of categories and scale, please, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
Quality of Research	27
Clarity and Readability	9
Content/Quality of Ideas	37
Organization & Development	15
Manuscript Form	5
TOTAL POINTS	93
LETTER GRADE	A

(Signature – Defense Opponent)

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