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Course of defence: The thesis were assessed by three reviewers (marks C, D, E). The main problem of the whole thesis is that the student opened too many questions without being able to put them into one well integrated research design. The problem started with a rather weak deadefinition of the main research question which student tried to support by rather enumerative list of available theories without being able to define which theory and how fits to the studied problem. Also the analytical part was not very concentrated and a questionable definition of the data set made it not very convincing. On the other hand it is hard to say that the student does not understand the nature of the topic and needed related research, however the mentioned fact that there are too many questions without adequate research response and that the quality of the written presentation is not extremely high resulted in D as the final assessment.

Result of defence: very good (D)

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