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

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Thesis Title:	Possible incidence of Turkish EU accession: development of migration flows

Overall Evaluation:

Ondrej Glazar's diploma thesis entitled "Possible incidence of Turkish EU accession: development of migration flows" represents the best example of how a good diploma thesis should look like. It is clear and concise; it operates with non-trivial statistical methods and it is not limiting itself to the mere review of the existing literature on the topic but attempts to contribute to the migration debate by formulating its own models and generating its own tools. Especially the empirical part of the thesis demonstrates the author's ability to use numerical results for deriving interesting conclusions and discussing implications that stem from general economic literature on migration.

The topic – Turkey's EU accession and possible impacts resulting from this event – is of a special interest nowadays, as far as it reflects the on-going debate about the future of the EU, especially in the light of its future pending Enlargements that many specialists see as inevitable for the Union's successful existence. Contrary to the approach adapted in many studies that are employing the theory of international relations and politics, the thesis focuses on the economic analysis of Turkey's EU membership with a specific interest in migration.

Although the two introductory chapters (entitled "Research background" and "Migration") are quite short and, perhaps, shallow, they still provide a general overview of the problem that might be very useful for the unfamiliar reader. What is truly the core of the thesis lies in a chapter modestly labeled as the "Model". In this chapter the author applies panel data estimators on migration data with a purpose to measure the migration flows from 18 European countries into Germany (Bundesrepublik Deutschland) in 1967-2005. Consequently, he builds three extrapolation models using the data for Turkey and trying to predict migration flows from Turkey to EU-15 from 2006 until 2030.

The results of the above exercise add up to the current debate about the future of EU enlargements and particularly to the issue of opening labor markets in the "old" EU (or EU-15). Fears of massive labor inflows that have never taken place in any of the past EU enlargements seem to be of no justification in the case of Turkey (however unrealistic its membership in the EU might seem in the nearest future).

The thesis itself shows author's commitment and hard work. It consists of five main chapters (three chapters complemented by the introduction and conclusions), two appendices and one data annex. In total 16 tables and 16 figures are used in the text for better understanding the methods and the results. The thesis is written in reasonable English and the manuscript's outlay is prepared with due care and diligence.

Therefore, taking all of the above into account, I recommend the thesis for the defense and suggest grade A ("výborně"). I would also like to nominate the thesis for the Dean's special distinction for outstanding diploma thesis ("pochvala děkana za vynikající diplomovou práci").

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
Quality of Research	28
Clarity and Readability	8
Content/Quality of Ideas	38
Organization & Development	13
Manuscript Form	5
TOTAL POINTS	92
LETTER GRADE	A

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