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Jméno a příjmení studenta: Ekaterina Travova
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Studijní obor: Ekonomie a ekonometrie
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Pracoviště práce: CERGE (23-CERGE)
Jazyk práce: angličtina
Jazyk obhajoby: čeština
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Průběh obhajoby: The Defense Committee Chair initiated the defense by verbal statements confirming (i) that a satisfactory number of Defense Committee Members were present, (ii) that the student Ekaterina Travova fulfilled all the requirements as listed in the Study and Examination Code of Charles University including showing the appropriate documents.
At the beginning, the curriculum vitae of Student was presented. Following this presentation, Student started the presentation of the dissertation "Essays on Applied Economics", acquainting the Defense Committee with the main topics, methodologies, and findings of the dissertation. After reading the referees' (appointed by the Graduation Council) comments, an open discussion followed. During the discussion, Student satisfactorily answered all the questions from the audience.

Mariola Pytliková: I just have comments for the third chapter. I was thinking whether there will be a space to use different development in different countries in privatization, whether you can take this different timing and characteristics of different sectors. You know some sectors are represented by big industries, and some sectors are represented by small enterprises. It could be an additional identification strategy.
And also, second, when you have those different countries whether there could be some effect from EU enlargement, which is connected with different preparation with respect to law and so on. Whether it could be an additional source of the impact on outcomes.

Third, it could be nice if we can see whether there could be different results with respect to age cohorts and gender. And for the second chapter, similarly, I was thinking maybe it would be nice to see some interactions with age cohorts and gender, to see the effects heterogeneity.

Ekaterina Travova answers.

Libor Dušek: I would like to ask about the second and third papers. So, about the second, I noticed that you instrumented the current involvement, what you call the orthodox influence, by the presence of monastery back in 1908. So, I understand there will be the link with the level, but there was a graph showing a substantial increase from 2000 and also a varying rate of increase of church participation across different regions. Isn't the varying increase a very important part of the story and the technical level in 1908 can explain the level in 2000 something, but cannot explain the path, the increase? So, this is more like IV identification strategy type of question.

And then the other with the third paper, I find it very interesting and important to document a lot of things around us in the voting behavior, so in different regions and different socio-economic groups. But then, the key treatment variable is whether a person lost a job during the first post-transition period due to external shock basically like plant closure or layoff. This is counterfactual here, right? How far can you control for all kind of demographics because people working in coal mining are systematically different from people working in banking sector which is experiencing growth? What is really a kind of experiment and counterfactual when you are comparing these people?

Ekaterina Travova answers.

Mariola Pytliková: What about the publication prospects? Have you sent it somewhere?

Ekaterina Travova answers.

Výsledek obhajoby:	prospěl/a (P)
Předseda komise:	doc. Ing. Daniel Münich, Ph.D. (přítomen)
Členové komise:	doc. Mgr. Bc. Libor Dušek, Ph.D. (přítomen)
	doc. Ing. Mariola Pytliková, Ph.D. (přítomen)