BACHELOR'S THESIS EXAMINER REPORT
PPE – Bachelor's in Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Analysis of the Interconnectedness of Economies of European Union and People's Republic of China: An Input Output Analysis
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Referee's name:	Jaromír Baxa

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Contribution and argument (quality of research and analysis, originality)	50	47
	Research question (definition of objectives, plausibility of hypotheses)	15	15
	Theoretical framework (methods relevant to the research question)	15	15
Total		80	77
Minor Criteria			
	Sources, literature	10	8
	Presentation (language, style, cohesion)	5	5
	Manuscript form (structure, logical coherence, layout, tables, figures)	5	3
Total		20	16
TOTAL		100	93

Reviewer's commentary according to the above criteria (min. 1800 characters including spaces when recommending a passing grade, min. 2500 characters including spaces when recommending a failing grade):

The thesis written by Martin Talán provides an estimation of the importance of the EU-China trade on various industries in the EU, with the aim to potential impact of trade disruption on industrial production in those sectors.

In terms of methodology, the thesis relies on input-output analysis, both in its traditional form dating back to W. Leontief and more recent iterations, such as the global extraction method. These methods are described and implemented correctly. It is found that both economies are largely interconnected, notably Germany and France, and trade disruptions will affect the EU by a GDP decline of 2 – 3 %.

The thesis also provides the geopolitical context as a motivation for this research.

Overall, the thesis is well written (I've spotted just few typos), and it contains solid empirical analysis of an actual topic.

There are several issues that can be improved, related mainly to presentation and manuscript form, where the author does not follow the conventions of the field.

First, the Introduction does not contain all the necessary information. Most importantly, relation to the existing literature and the contribution of this thesis is not stated, so that it is difficult for the reader to evaluate the relative contribution of the thesis.

Second, the structure is somewhat chaotic. The thesis starts with Introduction, Literature review and Methodology, which is fine, but then continues with the chapter called Geopolitical context, that shall actually precede the literature since it forms the basis of motivation of the thesis. Also, after the sections Data and Methodology, the reader usually expects the results.

Third, the chapters and subchapters are not numbered, the same holds for equations.

Fourth, figures lack better legends and notes summarizing the interpretation; also, the line/column names could contain name of the industry rather than its code.

These changes would make the thesis more readable.

Proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F):   **A**

Suggested questions for the defence are:

Could you clarify the contribution of your thesis to the existing literature?
To what extent are the results determined by the method, i.e., would a different method lead to different quantitative results?

I do recommend the thesis for final defence.

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Referee Signature

Overall grading scheme at FSV UK:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	A	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	B	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	C	= good
61 – 70	D	= satisfactory
51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.