



FAKULTA  
SOCIÁLNÍCH VĚD  
Univerzita Karlova

## Záznam o průběhu obhajoby disertační práce

Akademický rok: 2022/2023

**Jméno a příjmení studenta:** Mgr. Nikoloz Kudashvili  
**Identifikační číslo studenta:** 74560710

**Typ studijního programu:** doktorský  
**Studijní program:** Ekonomie a ekonometrie  
**ID studia:** 421105

**Název práce:** Essays in Experimental Economics: Discrimination and Education  
**Pracoviště práce:** CERGE (23-CERGE)  
**Jazyk práce:** angličtina  
**Jazyk obhajoby:** čeština  
**Školitel:** prof. Randall Filer, Ph.D.  
**Oponent(i):** prof. Dr. Sigrid Suetens, Ph.D.

Basit Zafar, Ph.D.

**Datum obhajoby:** 07.12.2022    **Místo obhajoby:** Praha  
**Termín:** řádný

**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 Nikoloz Kudashvili 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 the Student was presented. Following this presentation, the Student started the presentation of the dissertation "Essays in Experimental Economics: Discrimination and Education", acquainting the Defense Committee with the main topics, methodologies, and findings of the dissertation. After reading the referees' comments, an open discussion followed. During the discussion, Student satisfactorily answered all the questions from the audience.  
Randall Filer: I cannot see the lower bounds of the confidence interval for the Georgian investor.  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Štěpán Jurajda: The search costs channels are important in particular because it is not verifiable by the seller unlike the pre-payment channel. I understand that you are reducing some kind of expectation of higher costs, but how do we really know that what remains should be called discrimination as opposed to really higher costs of foreign land leases?  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Štěpán Jurajda: Both stories are equally valid, but what are the actual

costs of leasing for foreigners?  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Andreas Menzel: How long is the lease contract? ... You extend it every year. Getting the cash earlier also increases the net present value of the cash, right? In terms of the reliability, the same amount of cash is more valuable if you get it earlier.  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Petr Janský: Just a quick technical question, shouldn't the axis start at zero? So that graphically the difference is overplayed.  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Michal Bauer: We talked about various aspects of this research paper, but it is hard to change the legislation and the government policy. We can talk to the associations of Indian investors in Georgia about these results and use these insights to spread the word.  
Nikoloz Kudashvili commented.

Štěpán Jurajda: There are situations where it is possible to misrepresent a group identity and situations when it is less easy to do so. How generalizable are your findings?  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Michal Bauer: How are you sure that they misrepresent their names?  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Štěpán Jurajda: What do the Armenians expect the Georgians to misrepresent? If you run the same experiment in person and people were allowed to talk and might guess ethnicity from an accent or any other signal, would they still get 5.2?  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Andreas Menzel: Have you considered sending some signal that may have some correlation with the true status? For example, my opponent is somebody from a certain district and he has an Armenian and Georgian name. And some districts you know they have all Georgians residents.  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Štěpán Jurajda: I will highlight that this is an essay that was published in the Journal of Public Economics, and certainly it is more than good enough.

Štěpán Jurajda: Talking about the third chapter, how do you know that just reflecting employment and wages make you choose right?  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

Michal Bauer: Given the size of misperception it sounds useful to provide some information, if the misperception would be small and would the effects still be there?  
Nikoloz Kudashvili answered.

**Výsledek obhajoby:** prospěl/a (P)

**Předseda komise:** prof. Ing. Štěpán Jurajda, Ph.D. (přítomen) .....

**Členové komise:** Andreas Menzel, Ph.D. (přítomen) .....

doc. Petr Janský, M.Sc., Ph.D. (přítomen) .....