

Report on Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	EU's Competition Policy v. USA's Antitrust. Key differences to knot

OVERALL ASSESSMENT (provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):

The submitted master thesis is focused on a lively discussed topic of explanation of clearly visible differences in practical applications of the competition policies between EU and the USA. More specifically, the thesis is focused on regulation of vertical mergers. This master thesis is a continuation of author's Bachelor thesis written on IES on the famous Microsoft case. The case is used in this Master thesis as a demonstrating case study in chapter 5.

As any paper focused on competition policy, thesis should provide undividable analysis both economical and legal. Such necessity always creates some problems in consistency and methodology and by the merit requires relatively extensive exact legal quotations which are not very attractive for many non-lawyer readers.

There are two approaches selected by author. First is mostly descriptive explanation of the evolution of the competition policies' framework and decisions. Quite logically, it begins by chapter 1 explaining concepts of Common and Civil Laws. The second approach is based on game modeling using relevant matrixes. It is to be said the broader use and conclusions can be drawn out of the mentioned chapter 4.

The thesis has a potential to be elaborated further to reach a status of highly valuable source in discussions on the good and converging competition policies.

The author uses a comprehensive and relevant literature and sources covering relevant issues of the thesis, both theoretically and from the point of view of practice and demonstrated case study. The structure of the thesis is good, although there could be found some space for future optimization. The grammar as well as style of the manuscript is adequate fully.

I suggest grade 2 – good.

SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
Literature (max. 20 points)	18
Methods (max. 30 points)	20
Contribution (max. 30 points)	20
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	18
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	76
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	2

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Referee Signature

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated, and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value added of the thesis.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

Overall grading:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE		
81 – 100	1	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	2	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	3	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	4	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě