

## Opponent's Report on Dissertation Thesis

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Address the following questions in your report, please:

- a) Can you recognize an original contribution of the author?
- b) Is the thesis based on relevant references?
- c) Do the results of the thesis allow their publication in a respected economic journal?
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- e) Were the comments raised at the pre-defense, addressed in the dissertation submitted to the regular defense?
- f) What is your overall assessment of the thesis? (a) I recommend the thesis to be defended without major changes; (b) The thesis is not defensible.

*(Note: The report should be at least 2 pages long.)*

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### **Content of the Report:**

This dissertation consists of three essays on an important topic, the efficiency of economic regulation in the EU. All three essays have been already published:

*The Efficiency of EU Merger Control during the Period 1990 – 2008* (co-authored with Petr Teplý) in Czech Journal of Finance and Economics, vol. 3/2011.

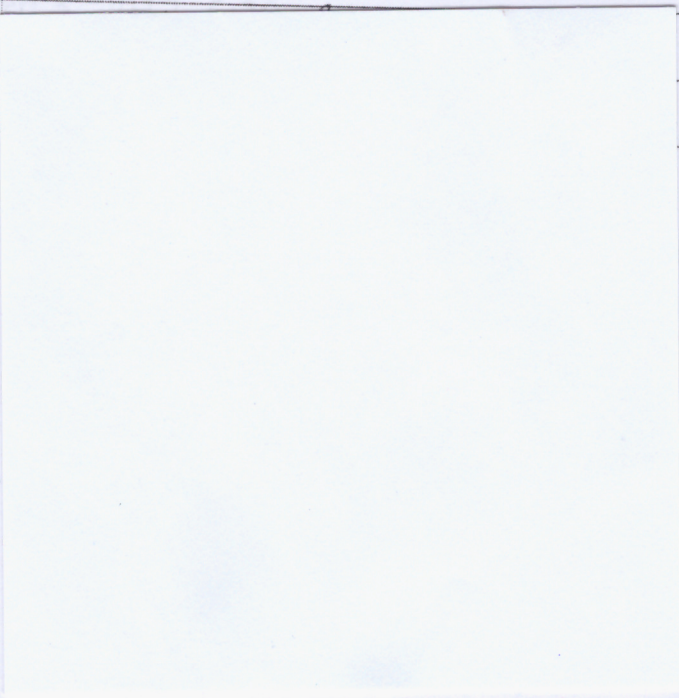
*Evidence for a Ladder of Investment in Central and Eastern European Countries* (co-authored with Matt Hunt, Tom Ovington and Clive Kenny) in Telecommunications Policy (2016).

*The Impact of Network Competition in the Mobile Industry* (co-authored with George Houpis, Jose Maria Rodriguez and Thomas Ovington) in Competition and Regulation in Network Industries (2016).

The thesis clearly contributes to the existing knowledge. I have commented all three essays in detail in my report for pre-defense. Goran Serdarević has discussed the reviewers' comments in Appendix 1 of his dissertation. I reviewed answers to my comments, and I consider them reasonable, satisfactory and complete.

Therefore:

**I recommend the thesis to be defended without major changes.**

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