

# Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>Determinants of FDI in Sub-Saharan Africa</b>

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

The thesis aims at identifying determinants of foreign direct investments in Sub-Saharan Africa. It provides an overview of FDI theories as well as history of FDI in Sub-Saharan Africa. Consequently, basic econometric models are used to distinguish significant determinants of FDI.

The thesis has a logical structure and shows good use of resources. The author did sufficient research of existing literature and relevant theories. Econometric models showed that mainly market size, openness to trade and natural resources endowment determine FDI inflow in given countries. Consequently, the author comes up with policy recommendations like trade liberalization and modernizing mining and other codes. Further research could concern not only employing more sophisticated methods as the author suggests, but could also address policy and relevant cultural questions into more detail. The author keeps the big picture by asking whether striving for more and more FDI is actually desirable.

The thesis could have been improved. Above all, it could have been more concise. The thesis contains redundant sentences and some information can be delivered in more efficient and brief way. Despite generally excellent English, the author should be careful about „Czech stylistics“, which might confuse international readers. However, this criticism is only marginal and the thesis fulfils all requirements for bachelor thesis.

Therefore, I recommend grade 1.

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

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	15
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	24
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	28
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	18
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>85</b>
<b>GRADE</b> (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	<b>1</b>

**NAME OF THE REFEREE:** *Ivona Hrušová*

**DATE OF EVALUATION:** **6.6. 2011**

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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	<b>1</b>	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	<b>2</b>	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	<b>3</b>	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	<b>4</b>	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě