

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Vliv struktury sourozenců na dětskou práci a školní docházku

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

In his thesis Václav Korběl studies the effect of gender and siblings' structure on child labor and schooling in two low income countries (Niger and Sierra Leone). The existing literature studies mostly the effects of siblings' structure on schooling and health, while the studies focusing on child labor are scarcer. The results are interesting – gender is significant predictor of child labor and the effect is stronger for the richer sub-sample. The effects of siblings' structure are mostly insignificant.

The thesis is of very high quality. The hypotheses are clearly defined and linked to the existing theoretical models. Therefore, the data analysis (based on the data from Demographic and Health Surveys) makes it possible to test predictions of these models. The manuscript is well structured, condensed and easy to follow. Václav works well with the literature and analyzes the data with adequate econometric methods. I recommend Václav to submit a shorter version of the paper to IES Working Paper series.

I am happy to recommend the thesis for the defence and suggest grade A (výborně, 1). I also recommend to the defence committee to consider awarding the thesis a distinction for an extraordinarily good bachelor thesis.

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

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

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Julie Chytilová

DATE OF EVALUATION: May 31, 2011

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