

# Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Approach of the Czech Republic to Developing Countries

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

The thesis written by Zuzana Rehorova is a highly qualitative work where she has proven great abilities of research and empirical analysis. The thesis is concentrated on the evaluation (based on Commitment to Development Index) and comparison of the Czech Republic approach to developing countries. The author's contribution is underlined by the capacity to compute and estimate the index for the Czech Republic, followed by comparison and relevant comments of the results. Both presentation of current opinions and information vis-a-vis the subject are presented and taken into consideration when constructing the comparison and building the classification of the 22 OECD DAC member countries plus Czech Republic. The author also managed to provide suggestions of improvement to future design and evaluation of the index.

Although, the fact that Czech Republic is not a DAC member, and not included in the original index; the author managed to solve the issues related to the accurateness of the date and precision of the final result, overcoming missing data for some years by applying thorough analysis and the educated guess in some circumstances. I strongly believe the work brings new insights to the Czech policy making and the work is of a great empirical value as well.

Some minor mistakes of formatting were encountered, but these did not influence the quality of the final work.

I am glad to recommend the thesis both to receive grade 1 ("výborně", excellent), and most important the Dean's distinction.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
Literature (max. 20 points)	19
Methods (max. 30 points)	28
Contribution (max. 30 points)	30
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	19
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>96</b>
<b>GRADE</b> (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	<b>1</b>

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**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