

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Corruption and Growth in Developing Countries

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

I have served as supervisor for this thesis but Jean has worked absolutely autonomously.

The main strength of this thesis is that it breaks some stereotypes. Jean concentrates on corruption in developing countries and it gives him freedom for mentioning even some positive impacts corruption may have.

He starts with definition of corruption and shows that there may be different political, moral and economic links and perceptions of the former. He applies and illustrates some of the concepts in the case study of Haiti. For his quantitative empirical study in Chapter 3, he uses two measures of corruption, CPI and „Control of Corruption Index“.

I have some minor problems with the econometric part. It would be interesting to know the results of tests of standard assumptions, e.g. homoskedasticity. I do not understand the interpretation on page 40, this ought to be discussed during defence.

There are some minor formal mistakes; e.g. symbols on page 23 are not defined and the use of word „probity“ in chapter 3 is misleading – thanks to the econometric context.

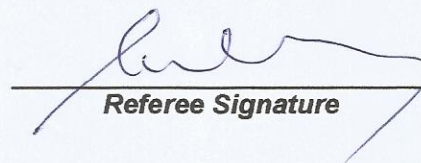
To summarize: I think that this thesis fulfills IES standards for bachelor theses and I recommend it for defence.

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

CATEGORY		POINTS
Literature	(max. 20 points)	20
Methods	(max. 30 points)	22
Contribution	(max. 30 points)	22
Manuscript Form	(max. 20 points)	19
TOTAL POINTS	<i>(max. 100 points)</i>	83
GRADE	(1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

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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.*

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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.*

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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.*

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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