

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):

Jean Lacroix's Bachelor thesis entitled "Corruption and growth in developing countries" tackles a very interesting aspect that has been puzzling the minds of economists in the recent decades.

The issue of corruption and development, especially in the context of Bernans's "the end justifies the means", represents a challenge and, in the same time, an interesting hypothesis that calls for to be tested. Jean uses the empirical model of Haiti and developing countries, where the corruption and other related aspects, as well as the impact on economic growth, are measured using specific indices. The topic is especially relevant with regard to the Central and Eastern Europe and Russia, where the iron rule of Communist law was, literally in one day, changed by the chaos of the economic transformation which gave birth to organized crime syndicates, massive corruption and various market distortions. While the EU-8 states (CEE countries that joined the EU in 2004) managed to cope with this challenge, countries like Russia and Ukraine are still facing these issues nowadays.

Overall, I have to say that the thesis is well-written and well-executed, the methods, the hypotheses and their testing is adequate, and the literature review is satisfactory.

When it comes to the drawbacks of Jean's thesis, I can only point out problems with structuring the thesis as well as numerous inconsistencies in English. However, this fact should not be regarded as crucial, since English is not the student's native language and in spite of the inconsistencies, the thesis reads well.

Overall, I recommend giving Jean a "**výborně**" (**excellent, 1**) grade.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	18
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	13
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	82
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: PhDr. Wadim Strielkowski, Ph.D.

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