

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	The estimation of country – level production function aimed at understanding the role of human capital

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

The thesis written by Simona Mačorová deals with an up to date issue of the influence of human capital on countries' prosperity. The author aims at identifying this relationship by estimating country-level production function using a panel of European Union member states. Her first attempt to defend this thesis was unsuccessful and Mrs. Mačorová was asked to improve certain aspects of the thesis – especially the econometric analysis and the language in which the thesis was written. The updated version of the thesis is of visibly higher quality. The author understood the referee's comments and tried to address them in the current version of the thesis, which is now ready to be defended.

The theory behind further empirical analysis is presented in a simple way and is consistent with the econometric analysis. The work with data is correctly introduced and interpreted. Also the language of the thesis is now acceptable.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
Literature (max. 20 points)	10
Methods (max. 30 points)	16
Contribution (max. 30 points)	16
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	18
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	60
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	2-3

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Barbara Pertold-Gebicka

DATE OF EVALUATION: 18.6.2013



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