

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	The Introduction of Trusts in the Czech Republic

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

Bachelor's thesis of Tomáš Jelínek investigates the introduction of trusts into Czech law. I consider the choice of the subject as well as its treatment by the author to be very good.

The author begins his thesis by explaining to the reader the basic facts and theoretical issues about trusts. This makes the thesis accessible not only to economic or law professionals but also to general audience. Then he presents his hypotheses and methodology. The main focus of the examination are the perceptions of people about trusts and potential of trusts to be a successful legal innovation in the Czech Republic. He conducts empirical investigation (online questionnaire), analyses the data by applying econometric methods and then comes up with interpretation and discussion of his findings. He proceeds in a systematic and logical manner.

Tomáš Jelínek demonstrates good familiarity with relevant concepts from law and economics that are needed for successful investigation of the chosen topic. He works very well with the literature. The thesis is interesting to read and written in very good English. Undoubtedly the strongest point of Tomáš Jelínek's work is in the interdisciplinary nature of his analysis. The author doesn't have any problems with making interesting historical excursions, doing empirical research, applying econometric methods and working with concepts from law. Combining all these things together might seem to be a difficult task, however, Tomáš Jelínek indeed manages to do it excellently and without any costs to coherence and logical consistency.

Taking all of the above, into consideration, I recommend the thesis for defense without any reservation and propose to grade it with grade "1 / excellent / výborně".

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	18
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	27
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	27
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	18
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	90
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Tomáš Janotík, MSc.

DATE OF EVALUATION: 10.6.2013



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