

# Report on Bachelor Thesis

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>Sociální a ekonomické dopady ukrajinské imigrace v České republice</b>

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

Kateřina Hluřtíková's Bachelor thesis deals with the issue of Ukrainian migration in the Czech Republic and the EU and represents a well-executed and elaborated piece of work that is based on the empirical research conducted for the World Bank. Overall, the work has 6 well-executed chapters and is full of graphs, tables and diagrams. The Bachelor thesis contains a proper literature review and description of the data, methods and discussion of relevant results. The thesis is well-written and structured and bears all prerequisites and requirements one can expect from a rigorous academic paper. The work is original and shows the author's understanding of the topic, her ability to work with the data and formulate and test non-trivial assumptions and hypotheses.

Although the data on migrants are difficult to find and are often unobtainable, Kateřina was able to withhold the temptation of using readily available but incomplete and superfluous data sets that so many researchers writing on the economics of migration tend to use for simplicity. Instead, she obtained the MIRPAL project data collected by the team of Ukrainian researchers in several EU countries led by Dr Olena Malynovska. Using this dataset, she was capable of formulating the research questions, analysing the data, testing her hypotheses and interpreting the results using the non-trivial econometric models.

Overall, it seems to me that this thesis exceeds the standards set out for Bachelor theses at the Institute of economic studies, Faculty of social sciences, Charles University in Prague. To me it looks rather like a very good Master thesis or a draft of a well-forged scientific article that, after some slight modifications, might go off for publishing in a research journal. I hope Kateřina would be able to continue her studies in our Master's programme in Economics and I would be more than happy to help her with further advancements of her research topic. Given the fact that she already has two publications at peer-reviewed periodical, "Demografie.info" and a well-known Czech research journal "Vesmír", both devoted to the Ukrainian migration in the Czech Republic, the brain-drain effect and the migration channelling, I think that this proves she is capable of independent research work conducted at a high standard and producing remarkable results.

Therefore, in the case of successful defense, I recommend the student to be given "výborně" (excellent, 1) and „pochvala děkana za vynikající bakalářskou práci“(Dean's special commemoration for excellent Bachelor's thesis).

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

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Literature (max. 20 points)	19
Methods (max. 30 points)	28
Contribution (max. 30 points)	28
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	17
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>92</b>
<b>GRADE</b> (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	<b>1</b>

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