Report on **Rigorosus Thesis**

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Title of the thesis:	**Measuring Corruption in Developed Countries**

OVERALL ASSESSMENT *(provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):*
The thesis provides an introduction to the issue of measuring the corruption. It concentrates on corruption indexes. It deals in detail with definitions and analysis of particular corruption indexes and their mutual relations.
In the terms of data coverage, it uses corruption indexes for 39 developed countries over the time period 2007-2010.

The strength of the thesis is in comprehensive coverage and comparison of many (12) corruption indexes. I consider it O.K. that author does not attemp to create her own index. The comparison of existing indexes is a more apppropriate approach. The area of corruption analysis is traditonally concentrated on the construction of indexes. Therefore all problems, questions, reservation about the index-construction-research apply here. I would like to point out that the thesis is not concerned with economic modelling of corruption, sources of corruption, impacts of corruption. Therefore the paper is missing a real theoretical section. It has more an ad-hoc nature of index-construction papers.

The thesis is an improved version of previous diploma thesis. Author incorporated the suggestions of referee and the discussion during the defense of diploma thesis. This thesis covers references to work of Jan Hanousek and his coauthors, which I consider highly relevant to the topic of this paper, especially in the area of relation between corruption and economic performance.

During the defense the author may further elaborate on the topic of relation between measures of political risk and measures of corruption. Political risk is very different cathegory than corruption. The danger of corruption may be just one of many aspects of political risk.

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

CATEGORY		POINTS
Literature	*(max. 20 points)*	16
Methods	*(max. 30 points)*	22
Contribution	*(max. 30 points)*	20
Manuscript Form	*(max. 20 points)*	21
TOTAL POINTS	*(max. 100 points)*	**79**
(doporučuji, nedoporučuji)		**Doporucuji**

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Karel Janda
DATE OF EVALUATION: 2.10.2012

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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			
81 – 100		= excellent	
61 – 80		= good	
41 – 60		= satisfactory	
0 – 40		= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě