

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Education and Crime: A Panel Data Analysis of the Czech Republic

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

The author demonstrates her ability to utilize quantitative methods to economic analysis. The thesis is interesting and well done. Her findings are interesting and (as I am able to evaluate) original.

Comments:

1. Charles University was founded in 1348, not in 1398, how the author writes wrongly (page 4).
2. For correct comparison of government expenditures on education in time (page 7) is necessary to use expenditures in comparable prices (not in current prices).
3. According to the author (page 10, fig. 4) no private or state higher education institutions existed in the year 1999 in the Czech Republic. It is not true.
4. Data in the Table 2 (page 18) are very suspicious: For example the recovery rate in 2002 was 27.5 times more than in 2012.
5. (page 23): The high number of crimes per 1,000 habitants in Prague in Fig. 9 is caused also by the fact that many firms active outside Prague have their company address in Prague.
6. (page 63): Author's findings, that the tertiary education reduces the rate of economic crime, but the secondary education in opposite plays an important role in occurrence of overall crime, violent crime and crime against property is very interesting.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	16
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	20
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	81
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