REPORT ON THE MASTER THESIS

IEPS – International Economic and Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Title of the thesis:	The Effects of Education on the Economic Growth in the Russian Federation
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SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (*for details, see below):*

CATEGORY	POINTS
Theoretical background (max. 20)	15
Contribution (max. 20)	16
Methods (max. 20)	14
Literature (max. 20)	15
Manuscript form (max. 20)	14
TOTAL POINTS *(max. 100)*	**74**
The proposed grade (1-2-3-4)	**2**

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Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the 5 numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

1) Theoretical background: The concept of human capital plays a pivotal role in the theoretical framework of the thesis. This is justifiable and fully corresponds to the aim of the thesis. Nevertheless, a deeper discussion of current theoretical approaches is missing. Nevertheless, the theoretical part explains why the topic is important for deeper research.

2) Contribution: The thesis deals with a topic that is crucial for current Russia's economic development. The country reached the level, when it has to transform its economy into a modern, high technology economy. Human capital plays an important role in it and education itself one of the central. The aim is defined in all the strategies of development of the Russian Federation. The paper bases itself on the thesis that education is an essential condition for economic growth, however, it must be noted that the level of education is not the only one condition.

3) Methods:
The thesis uses qualitative methods for evaluation of the impact educational system on the economic development of the Russian Federation. Author clearly states her approach, however, the explanation why she did not use quantitative methods should be discussed more broadly. The author uses representative sample of statistical data.

4) Literature: The literature of the thesis corresponds to the topic, despite some newer titles are missing. The author uses data that is relevant to the matter of research, such as Rosstat and others data. In this respect, I do not have any reservations.

5) Manuscript form: The structure of the paper is understandable and clear. I have no comments to this. However, the language side represents some problem. For a non-native speaker, it is absolutely essential to subject the thesis to proof-reading. Some of the numbers should be referenced more properly (page 49). However, this may be understood due to the vast use of this data.

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