Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Regional Unemployment Analysis: Case of the Czech Republic

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

This thesis is focused on regional unemployment in the Czech Republic in the past 2 decades. The author managed to write a decent thesis, which is readable and understandable.
The main contribution of this work is the comparison of the distribution of unemployment over the regions in the Czech Republic during 1993-2010.

Author has proven his high level knowledge of various statistical tools when analysing data sets. The methodology of this thesis is outstanding as well as literature review. He also proved his understanding of the topic. However, the thesis has got just one shortcomings, which is described in the following paragraph.

The thesis' is devided into 5 chapters, which are very straightforward and clear, but they seem too short sometimes. Despite the fact that this thesis is considered as empirical, I would appreciate, if author would included a discussion part on the problematics of the unemployment and also added his opinion.
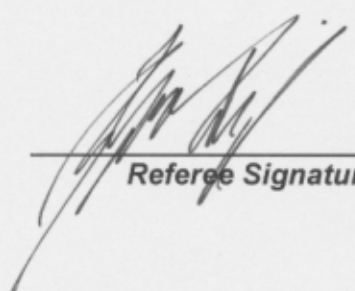
Based on the findings, this thesis fulfills all requirements and therefore I recommend it for the defense with the grade **excellent.**

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

CATEGORY		POINTS
Literature	*(max. 20 points)*	18
Methods	*(max. 30 points)*	26
Contribution	*(max. 30 points)*	23
Manuscript Form	*(max. 20 points)*	19
TOTAL POINTS	*(max. 100 points)*	86
GRADE	**(1 – 2 – 3 – 4)**	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: *Mgr. Daniel Šopov, M.Sc.*

DATE OF EVALUATION: *8.6.2014*

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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