Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Unemployment in the Czech Republic and Job Search on the Internet	

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

The thesis analyses the relationship between Czech unemployment rate and job search related behavior of Internet users. In chapter 1 the author introduces to the topic and argues why is it relevant. In next chapters the author describes internet environment in the Czech Republic and covers literature related to the topic. Chapters 4-7 are dedicated to the empirical part of the thesis, the econometric model (data, methodology, empirical results and discussion). The topic is in my opinion well chosen and relevant. The results should help to understand predictability of Czech unemployment rate. The thesis is very well structured and it resembles a regular academic paper. The methodology is advanced and exceeds the common knowledge of a bachelor student. The author's work with literature is also at a high level. All in all I recommend this thesis for defense and with grade "excellent".

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

CATEGORY	POINTS	
Literature	(max. 20 points)	20
Methods	(max. 30 points)	30
Contribution	(max. 30 points)	25
Manuscript Form	(max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS	(max. 100 points)	95
GRADE	(1-2-3-4)	1

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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