

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	The Alcohol monopoly in Sweden and the potential hazards of privatization

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

The author's main aim is to show that the enforcement of monopoly is the best method of eliminating alcohol consumption and its related harm on society. The thesis also explores potential consequences of privatization.

In the first part, literature overview is provided containing relevant sources which are discussed extensively and quoted in a proper way.

Secondly, the author describes the monopoly model with the role of externalities, public safety and taxation and the their effect on consumption. Then, the author focuses the impact of privatization. This main part of the thesis gives a nice theoretical background and, at the same time, demonstrates author's full understanding of the topic.

The thesis is well structured, it uses appropriate language and style. My only suggestion for improvement is to provide a broader comparison with other countries to get a complex overview of the area of interest.

Overall, I recommend the thesis for the defense and suggest grade 2 (good).

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	17
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	19
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	20
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	16
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	72
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	2

NAME OF THE REFEREE: *Magdalena Patakova*

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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	GRADE		
81 – 100	1	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	2	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	3	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	4	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě