

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Analysing Transition Process of Russia: Foreign Direct Investment Distribution across Regions

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

In her bachelor thesis, Elza Iusufova studies the determinants of foreign direct investments in Russia, motivated by the observation that FDI is distributed highly unequally across regions. The thesis consists of a descriptive part and of an empirical part which presents results of a regression analysis. Elza knows the related literature relatively well. The contribution of her thesis to the existing studies is the focus on quality of life as a potential determinant of FDI allocation. The results support the interpretation that quality of life does not play an important role. The thesis is relatively well developed and uses appropriate econometric techniques.

One part of the thesis was difficult to understand and might be explained by the author during the defense. In the last sentence of the abstract Elza says that the fact that many variables were not found significant in the regression analysis implies "that most regions in Russia have similar level of development, which makes them not different from their neighbours, and hence not attractive for foreign investors." It is hard to see how the fact that some variables do not predict the amount of FDI implies anything about similarity of the regions. This statement is not supported by any further analysis.

In sum, I am happy to recommend the thesis for the defence and suggest grade B.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	15
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	20
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	20
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	15
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	70
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	2

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Julie Chytilová

DATE OF EVALUATION: May 19, 2016



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