

Opponent's Report on Dissertation Thesis

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Address the following questions in your report, please:

- a) Can you recognize an original contribution of the author?
- b) Is the thesis based on relevant references?
- c) Do the results of the thesis allow their publication in a respected economic journal?
- d) Are there any additional major comments on what should be improved?
- e) Were the comments raised at the pre-defense, addressed in the dissertation submitted to the regular defense?
- f) What is your overall assessment of the thesis? (a) I recommend the thesis to be defended without major changes; (b) The thesis is not defensible.


(Note: The report should be at least 2 pages long.)

Content of the Report:

The student has addressed all of my comments from the pre-defense (see my previous report) in an adequate manner. He has shown originality, intellectual versatility in responding to a wide variety of comments (theoretical, methodological and statistical), as well as a good understanding of the 'state-of the art' in the relevant literature. Even if a few of the comments could have been discussed in further depth and length, the student will have the opportunity to develop those during his upcoming bright career.

Moreover, the student has already published one of the chapters, showing his successfulness in bringing his research to a broader audience. I expect at least one more chapter to be published in a respected economic journal.

Taking all this into account, I am happy and confident to nominate Jiri Kukacka for a PhD in Economics without major changes.

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