

# Report on Rigorous Thesis

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>Cost planning of PPP projects in the Czech Republic</b>

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

The aim of this thesis is to study the cost planning of Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in the Czech Republic, in particular the case of development of road infrastructure. The topic is relevant and has potentially important policy implications. The author clearly formulates the research questions and attempts to answer them by combination of several suitable methods, ranging from review of the literature, interviews with experts in the field, detailed discussion of the Czech legislature to an empirical analysis of a World Bank model for a case of R35 motorway. The thesis provides a comprehensive overview of PPP projects complemented with own empirical research with interesting results. The thesis is well written and easy to follow. The author has sound knowledge of the relevant literature and current state of Czech laws.

In sum, I believe that the thesis fulfills the requirements for a rigorous thesis at IES FSV UK and I am happy to recommend it for the defence.

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

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	20
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	28
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	27
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>95</b>
<b>(doporučuji, nedoporučuji)</b>	<b>doporučuji</b>

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**DATE OF EVALUATION:** October 15, 2015



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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			
81 – 100		= excellent	
61 – 80		= good	
41 – 60		= satisfactory	
0 – 40		= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě