

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Impact of Population Policies on Economic Development

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

Shinya has studied a lot of resources related with population policies and their link to economic performance. Based on that, he has conducted a nice empirical analysis relevant for this context.

I appreciate especially his analysis in chapters three, four, five and six. He has demonstrated the ability to apply panel data methods on a higher level than is usual for bachelor students at the IES. Interpretation of his results, described in chapter 6, is clearly related to his hypotheses specified in chapter 4.

I have been consulting with Shinya regularly and his reactions to my proposals were usually positive.

I recommend this thesis for defense.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	20
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	30
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	95
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: *Doc. Ing. Tomáš Cahlík, CSc.*

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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