

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague

Student:	Barbora Houfková
Advisor:	David Kocourek
Title of the thesis:	Price of Location: The Private versus Commercial Accommodation in Selected European Cities

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

Bachelor thesis deals with up to date topic and uses data available only in recent years. This makes bachelor thesis highly relevant and. It shows as well, how the current technological advancement with all the data available can be applied to the economic research. Moreover, a student even on the bachelor level is today able to get large data set which provides an interesting inside view on economic agent behaviour.

However, just the data does not mean automatically success. The thesis has to be based on innovative idea, correct relation to existing literature, throughout argumentation of results and relevant conclusions, as well. The relation to existing literature is the biggest drawback of this thesis. The paper is related to existing literature just very vaguely and the literature does not really provide a solid background to the discussed hypothesis. Having improved this particular point of any academic publication would definitely boost the quality of the thesis. Besides that drawback the manuscript suffers from several text inconsistencies regarding the flow of the thoughts in the paper. Many of the information are correctly placed in the appendices, but cross linking the various parts of the text could have been done in more careful way.

Nevertheless, others remaining parts show that the student has presented a concise thesis which uses appropriate methodology and provides comprehensive discussion of the results.

It worth to mention here, that the student has not gained just academic skills by compiling such manuscript. But Barbora gained important skills for her future presence at labour market. Since she worked on the thesis during her stay abroad, she was forced to cooperate with me just on-line and plan the work accordingly. Working with unknown people, cooperating with them only via technical means, having moved personally abroad are all conditions which people face on the globalized labour market. I am convinced that she might benefit from this experience in the future as well. Hence, I would like to appreciate that Barbora has managed this as well on top of the standard bachelor thesis writing problems.

All in all and despite the objections I presented above, I recommend the thesis to defend and I suggest the grade "2", "good" in word.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	10
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	15
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	75
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	2

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