

# Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>On the Nature of Gender Differences in Attitudes to Risk</b>

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

Zdeněk Sýkora wrote a Bachelor's thesis about a very interesting relevant and currently discussed topic not only in experimental economics: the gender differences in attitudes toward risk. He first provides motivation for the study, then he critically reviews the ways of experimental elicitation of the risk-attitudes with respect to the gender differences and finally he provides evidence for the gender differences on an original survey dataset. The manuscript is well organized, the notions are clearly explained and the analysis is carefully executed, there are only minor typos. The author shows that the gender differences are present even when elicited just with a not-paid-for question and the result robust holds even after the addition of control variables in which men and women differ. The manuscript is a demonstration of strong skills – the author orients himself well in the current experimental literature regarding the risk-preferences and he confidently analyzes data. I would only welcome a deeper discussion of the results and better connection with the literature.

Overall, Zdeněk did an very good job. As a question for the defense I suggest the following: (i) Could you comment on the "white male effect" and contrast it to the findings of the cross-cultural study of Vieider et al (2014)? (ii) Based on your findings, what is the advice you would give to policy makers and company owners regarding the gender structure of teams dealing with risk? I suggest the committee grade 1 = excellent (výborně).

## **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)	29
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	27
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>91</b>
<b>GRADE</b> (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	<b>1</b>

**NAME OF THE REFEREE: PhDr. Lubomír Cingl**

**DATE OF EVALUATION: August 18, 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	GRADE		
81 – 100	<b>1</b>	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	<b>2</b>	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	<b>3</b>	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	<b>4</b>	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě