

Report on Rigorous Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Consumption over the Life Cycle: Evidence from the Czech Republic

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

The thesis analyzes the life-cycle consumption in the Czech Republic in years 2000-2008. The author uses the model of Gourinchas and Parker and constructs the Czech average household life-cycle of consumption. Results are different from the American results as far as breakpoint in household behavior is concerned, but the Czech household life-cycle behavior is interpreted in the similar way as the behavior of the US households. The results are interesting and adequately interpreted and presented

There is a distinct value added of the thesis. The thesis is according to me excellent and its quality is adequate to the level required for rigorous thesis in IES FSV UK.

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

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

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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