Report on **Bachelor Thesis**

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Title of the thesis:	Voluntary Restrictions and Self-commitment

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

The Bachelor thesis of Václav Toman is focused on interesting interdisciplinary topic. In terms of literature review I would say that the thesis is quoting the most important sources, the citations are deployed according to academic standards and in this aspect, the author did a good job.

The methods used can be divided into two parts. I see as major contribution author's effort to collect data by means of questionnaire and the evaluation of the results. The response rate on the questionnaires seems more than adequate; however, to me it is not clear from the thesis, what method did the author use to identify respondents? The thesis only states that the questionnaires were distributed via internet, but not to whom. The second method that the author is a detailed literature overview – adequate for Bachelor thesis, but again suffering from lack of connection between various pieces of information provided in the literature overview. Choice of OLS as main method is understandable, however, I would appreciate explanation, whether the author has chosen OLS as best model based on the literature or based on his judgment etc. and whether there are other methods applied on this problem setting.

The contribution of the thesis is the interpretation of the questionnaire results and in my opinion, the author did a good job there. I also appreciate, as I said, the interdisciplinary character of the thesis and the potential applicability of its results.

The language of the thesis is somewhat difficult to understand – for instance from the abstract it is difficult to understand what the author really examines. Similarly, the structure of the thesis is not very fluent and again, despite the obviously interesting topic, quite difficult to follow.

All in all, I recommend the thesis for defense with grade B.

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

CATEGORY		POINTS
Literature	*(max. 20 points)*	18
Methods	*(max. 30 points)*	22
Contribution	*(max. 30 points)*	20
Manuscript Form	*(max. 20 points)*	13
TOTAL POINTS	*(max. 100 points)*	**73**
GRADE	**(1 – 2 – 3 – 4)**	**2**

NAME OF THE REFEREE: PhDr. Jana Chvalkovská
DATE OF EVALUATION: *29.5.2012*

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