

Report on Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	The effects of labour market institutions on unemployment in the EU

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

Jan Hněvkovský's Master thesis entitled "The effects of labour market institutions on unemployment in the EU" deals with the issue timely and long-discussed issue and represents a well-executed and elaborated piece of work that is based on both an extensive literature review and the empirical research.

Overall, the work has 5 well-executed chapters (followed by the list of references and the appendix) and is full of graphs, tables and diagrams. In addition, it has lists of abbreviations, graphs and figures. The thesis contains a proper literature review and description of the data, methods and discussion of relevant results..

The thesis is well-written and structured and bears all prerequisites and requirements one can expect from a rigorous academic paper. The work is original and shows the author's understanding of the topic, his ability to work with the data and formulate and test non-trivial assumptions and hypotheses.

Jan made a great impression on me as a hard-working, innovative and intelligent student, with a good understanding of Economics and Mathematics and a good grasp on statistical and econometric tools and methods. What more, while pursuing his Master degree and working on his thesis under my supervision, Jan managed to publish his paper in the academic peer-reviewed journal indexed in Scopus database¹.

Jan is now preparing to undertake the PhD studies at IES FSV UK which makes him a valuable asset for the Department. I believe that he might use his wit, commitment and his extraordinary research skills to base on his Master thesis and extrapolate to a very good PhD thesis publishing several good research papers on the way.

Therefore, in the case of successful defense, I recommend the student to be given "výborně" (excellent, 1).

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
Literature (max. 20 points)	18
Methods (max. 30 points)	27
Contribution (max. 30 points)	28
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	19
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	92
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: PhDr. Wadim Strielkowski, Ph.D.

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¹ Strielkowski, W., Hněvkovský, J. (2013). The performance of the Czech labour market after the 2004 EU enlargement. *Economic annals*, 58(197), 79-94.