

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	An Analysis of the Chinese Labor Market

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

In her bachelor thesis, Eunyoung aims to provide an analysis of the labor market in China. In particular, she is interested in regional inequalities in terms of three labor market indicators: employment, wages and education levels. This is an important and interesting topic. The thesis, however, does not ask a new research question and is of a rather descriptive nature. The first part of the thesis provides a useful description of the China's economic reforms and modern history. The second part focuses on comparison of labor market indicators across regions.

The thesis is written in sound English. The analysis rests on a simple comparison of numbers across different provinces and does not include any econometric methods. Also, at some places it is difficult to understand what the data tell us. For example, when comparing employment levels, the author relies on comparison of absolute numbers of employed people in different provinces. This is not very informative, if we do not know what the total populations are. It would be more meaningful to compare employment expressed in percent. If one is interested in inequality, it would be also nice to say more about it besides saying how the provinces rank, for example by calculating the variance or an index of inequality. In the conclusions, the author highlights the comparison between the provinces in the East and West – such comparison could have been tested directly in the data analysis section.

Despite these drawbacks, I believe the thesis fulfills the requirements for a bachelor thesis at IES FSS, Charles University, and suggest grade C (3).

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	10
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	10
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	15
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	10
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	45
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	3

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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	1	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	2	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	3	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	4	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě