

# Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>The impact of China's demographic policy on its current GDP growth</b>

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

*Please provide your assessment of each of the following four categories. The minimum length of the report is 300 words.*

### **Contribution**

The author clearly defines contribution of the paper which is the estimation of the one-child policy using own proxy of ethnic minorities multiplied by birth rate. Author argues that former approaches (dummy for 1CP) are suffering from several weaknesses providing which should be overcome by presented approach.

### **Methods**

The methods are based on existing papers (usually working papers because of the lack of journal articles on the topic) on the topic. Author modifies formerly used Solow model and enrich it by using gross regional product, FDI, variable for ethnic minorities while excluding population. The inclusion of variable for ethnic minorities is the most interesting enrichment of existing literature.

Drawbacks and potential problematic issues with the presented methodology are also discussed.

### **Literature**

Author presents extensive literature review covering not only empirical papers on one-child policy but also history of this policy in China and Chinese demographic policies in general.

I have few minor critical remarks. In few cases author does not include full reference of the papers. E.g. on page 14 the year to the work of Bazhenova is missing to fully track the source.

I would also change the style of references to more standard formats/approaches, E.g. in the first paragraph of the chapter 2.6 author summarizes papers that are being discussed in the chapter. In this situation there is no need to include also names of the article. Author could simply refer to e.g. Fang and Leong (2014) instead of: "Impact of Population Growth and One Child Policy on Economic Growth of China" (2014) by Fang and Leong.

### **Manuscript form**

The state of the manuscript seems to me good with few critical comments:

I would round up the numbers in the tables with results (tests, estimations) to sufficient level.

First part of the chapter 3.9 should be structured into more paragraphs.

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

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	17
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>82</b>
<b>GRADE</b> (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	<b>1</b>

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