

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Analýza možných dopadů smlouvy TTIP na automobilový průmysl v ČR

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

Please provide your assessment of each of the following four categories, summary and suggested questions for the discussion. The minimum length of the report is 300 words.

Contribution

- Contribution of the thesis could be more spelled out in the introduction as well as in the text itself. The main value added seems to be application to the Czech data. Only results are discussed, one would be also interested in the policy discussion (e.g. what the results mean and how should czech car industry (or possibly czech government) react).

Methods

- Based on the discussion of the pros and cons of the methods provided in the thesis, the method used seem to be appropriate. Given the variety of approaches in the literature one of alternative models could be added to check the robustness of the results (e.g. gravity models).

Literature

- Relevant literature appears to be covered fairly comprehensively. Synthetizing a literature a bit better to convey main messages could be improved.

Manuscript form

- The manuscript form is the weakest part of the thesis. The individual sections and subsections are not numbered, making readers life a bit hard. Captions of tables are not consistent sometimes the name appears above (e.g. table 2) and sometimes below (e.g. table 3). The appendix 3 (closure of the model), 4 and 5 could be discussed bit more.

Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

The thesis attempts to evaluate the effects of the TTIP agreement on czech car industry and uses CGE-GTAP. Overall, the thesis seems well executed and therefore I recommend it for the defense.

Questions for the defense:

- Can you discuss alternative approaches to estimating the impact of the TTIP and their advantages and disadvantages? Could you elaborate why did you choose GCE-GTAP model?
- How would you summarize the literature on the estimating the impact of the TTIP? What is the average effect that the literature implies? Do you see any patterns in the variation of estimates depending on the method used, country under study or type of data used?

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

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CATEGORY	POINTS
<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)	10
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	77
GRADE (A – B – C – D – E – F)	C

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Marek Rusnak

DATE OF EVALUATION: 4 June 2018



Referee Signature

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

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.*

<i>Strong</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Weak</i>
30	15	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.*

<i>Strong</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Weak</i>
30	15	0

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

<i>Strong</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Weak</i>
20	10	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.*

<i>Strong</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Weak</i>
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Overall grading:

TOTAL	GRADE
91 – 100	A
81 - 90	B
71 - 80	C
61 – 70	D
51 – 60	E
0 – 50	F