Master's Thesis Supervisor's Expert Opinion

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Title of Master Thesis:	Economic and Social Consequences of Corruption in Transition Economies
Aim of the Thesis:	The main aim is to analyze consequences of corruption in selected transition economies. The first step of the analysis will be based on scientific literature review. Thereafter the impact of corruption on socio-economic variables in selected group of countries will be verified.
Thesis Supervisor:	Linhartová Veronika, Ing. et Ing. Ph.D.
Study Programme:	N6202 / Economic Policy and Administration
Academic Year:	2018/2019

Difficulty of the Topic

	Excellent	Very good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Cannot be evaluated
Theoretical knowledge	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Input data and their processing	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Methods used	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Thesis Evaluation Criteria

	Excellent	Very good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Cannot be evaluated
Degree of achievement of the aim of the thesis	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Original attitude to the topic processing	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Adequacy of the methods used	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Depth of analysis (relative to topic)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Logical structure of the thesis and scope	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Working with Czech and foreign literature including citations	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Formal arrangement of the thesis (text, charts, tables)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Language level (style, grammar, terminology)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Applicability of the Results of the Thesis

	High	**Medium**	**Low**	**Cannot be evaluated**
For theory	☒	☐	☐	☐
For practice	☐	☒	☐	☐

Other Comments on the Thesis

The author of the master thesis chose the topic of the analysis of the economic-social consequences of corruption in transition economies. His thesis is structured neatly and its parts logically flows. Images and tables of thesis efetively complement the analysis.
I consider this as a very well processed literature review as this is the main contribution of the thesis.

On the other hand the thesis contains some formal and content shortcomings:
- Some of the sources used in thesis are missing in the References part (e.g. Dana and Dana, 2003 (page 9) ; Scarlet and Scarlet, 2007 (page 8); Transparency International data 2018, World Bank data 2019 (tables in analytical part) etc.).
- Some references are incomplete (Kaufman and Vincent, Klitgaard, Murphy et al., etc.).
- Incorrect tables numbering.
- Despite the warnings of the thesis supervisor, the author processed just a correlation analysis for social variables. Therefore it´s not possible to evaluate the one-way influence of corruption on social variables. I do not consider the potential of work in the area of social consequences to be fully utilized.
- The author of the thesis seems to be sometimes a bit confused in correlation and regression analysis, respectively the outputs of these analyzes.

It is necessary to state that after many obstacles and difficulties during the thesis processing, the quality of final thesis is good and it is advisable to recommend it for defence.

Comments on the Outputs from the Theses System

The thesis is not a plagiarism. The highest match rate is 0%.

Questions and Suggestions for Defence

1. What is the position of the selected transition economies within the EU Member States in terms of corruption?

2. There are many corruption indices. Why did you use the Corruption Percention Index in your analysis? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this indicator?

3. How would you explain the different effects of corruption on GDP growth in the selected countries?

Final Evaluation

I **recommend** the thesis for the defence.
I propose to grade this Master's thesis as follows: **C**

In Pardubice 29.7.2019

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