

Master Thesis Opponent Report

Name of the student	Bc. Owusu Evans
The title of the thesis	Economic and Social Consequences of Corruption in Transition Economics
Name of opponent	Ing. Martin Mašťálka, Ph.D.

Difficulty	Level		
	Above average	Average	Below average
Theory	x		
Practical knowledge		x	
Input data, supporting documents		x	

Criteria of evaluation	Level			
	Above average	Average	Below average	Unable to evaluate
Fulfilment of the objectives	x			
Self-reliance				x
Logical structure of thesis	x			
Bibliographic references, citations	x			
Adequacy of used methods		x		
Depth of analysis		x		
Level of solution implementation		x		
Formal layout of thesis	x			
Stylistic level		x		
Analysis, mathematical methods, comparisons	high	average	low	not available
		x		
Applicability of proposals to problem solution	high	average	low	not available
		x		
Relevance of appendices (tables, graphs, figures)	high	average	low	not available
		x		

Other comments

The diploma theses deals with the topic of corruption that is perceived very sensitively in most societies. To approve the hypotheses determined in the theses, the student investigated situation in four transforming countries in the Eastern Europe – the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia and researched the linkage of the Corruption Perception Index to other economic and social indicators.

However the idea of the theses good is, the practical implementation of the results provided by the theses are very disputable. The reviewer would like to express the opinion that the time line researched by the student is very short. 10 years is not a time line that could prove the trends. The same situation is in number of countries that had been observed.

Student uses widely the statistical methods but the outputs of computing are not presented with regards to limitations of the data sources as well as the computing tools he used. The reviewer finds this as a crucial point when assessing the theses.

The reviewer clarifies that the clarity and professionalism of expression in thesis is all right. There are some minor formal mistakes but they do not influence overall meaning of the thesis. The objectives of the work were fulfilled and submitted work is in compliance with the requirements for the Master Thesis.

Question:

- 1) The time line of data used for your research and the wide of samples were criticized. Could you present the time-line of other scientific studies and number of countries involved?

I suggest the grade:

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Ing. Martin Maštálka, Ph.D.

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