

MA Economics of Globalisation and European Integration

Supervisor's Report

Dissertation title: Trade openness and income inequality in Eastern Europe

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Reminder of the general instructions:

- 1) The dissertation should:
 - a. have an original empirical part, albeit of limited scope, OR
 - b. (in the best of cases) contribute to theory, OR
 - c. be a 'meta-empirical' study, i.e. a comparative study of empirical results, with particular care to synthesis, OR
 - d. be a thorough critical survey of the literature (empirical and/or theoretical).
- 2) The length of the dissertation should be kept within well-defined limits (8,000 to 12,000 words). Quality before quantity.
- 3) There should be proper attention to the citation of sources in footnotes or endnotes. The list of references should be carefully made.
- 4) The supervisor and the readers of the dissertation may perform checks on plagiarism. Citations should be made very explicit with quotation marks, indented text and quotation of the source in the main text. Quotations should be limited. Attempts of plagiarism will be severely dealt with, according to the examination regulations.

According to these general guidelines, please report the final overall grade, using the following grading system:

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- 0 = 'poor' (fail).

In order to determine the overall grade, it may be helpful to mark the dissertation on each one of the specific aspects mentioned below. However, the final grade does not necessarily have to be the simple average of these partial grades. Please do not use decimals for the final overall grade.

A short motivation of your grade will be much appreciated.

NAME OF READER: Ingeborg Němcová

FINAL OVERALL GRADE: **4 – very good**

Presentation of the dissertation objectives (motivation, main objective, bottom line, etc.) *clear but not excellent* 4

Organization of the dissertation (division in sections, introduction and conclusions, etc.) 4

Use of presentation devices (tables, graphs, referenced material, quotes, etc.) 3

Development of the argument and provision of evidence for the dissertation objective (including references to the literature) 1

Originality of the work: 4

Length of the dissertation (whether appropriate, penalize if you think the 12,000 words limit has not been reasonably respected): 4

Motivation: *A very independent approach and work of the candidate. Moreover, change of the topic in the very final period. I am grateful for Turnitin Test – it confirm that the author wrote the thesis by himself.*

Any additional comments:

Well done in use of formalized methods and computation. Hypothesis was formulated on a base of knowledge from the 50s and all information concerning the CPE and transformation reforms is from one author and publication only. This leads to a certain level of simplification.