

# Assessment of Bachelor Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Business**

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Bachelor Thesis Topic: **Trade and Investment Relations Between the Czech Republic and Austria**

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	Criterion	Mark (1–4)
1.	Overall objective achievement	1
2.	Logical structure	1
3.	Using of literature, citations	1
4.	Adequacy of methods used	2
5.	Depth of analysis	1
6.	Self-reliance of author	1
7.	Formal requirements: text, graphs, tables	2
8.	Language and stylistics	2

## Comments and Questions:

The topic of the final thesis is the mutual economic relations between the Czech Republic and Austria. After a brief description of both economies, the author analyzes the Austrian direct investment in the Czech Republic and the bilateral flows of exports and imports between the countries in question. The strengths of the thesis include a thorough analysis with detailed examination of main companies and traded items, advanced methodology in form of the trade complementarity and intensity indices, as well as substantial value added. The weaknesses of the thesis are its oversized length (60 pages contrary to the required 30–40) and minor formal and language / stylistic problems, which makes the text a little hard to read. In general, the author was very active during his work on the thesis, however, to my surprise, most of my comments were not incorporated into the text in the end. Therefore, I suggest **very good** as the final grade with a possibility to improve it at the defense.

## Questions for the defense of the final thesis:

1. Why is the complementarity in trade between the Czech Republic and Austria declining in the long run? Is it connected to the EU membership of both countries? Or is this the influence of some third parties, for example, the Asian countries?
2. What are the perspectives of Czech direct investment in Austria? Can the Czech companies enter the Austrian market? Which industries will be impacted?

**Conclusion: The Bachelor Thesis is recommended for the defence.**

Suggested Grade: **2**

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