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Title of the thesis: Economic Growth in European Regions: Divergence within Convergence
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Language of defence: English
Advisor: Byeongju Jeong, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Veronika Selezneva, Ph.D.
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Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The committee appreciates the thesis presentation of Igor Iankov "Economic Growth in European Regions: Divergence within Convergence". First, he summarizes exist research on different type of convergence and their interactions with policy, geographical components. Data employed come from Eurostat at the lower county level (NUTS-2). Then he presented results of convergence/divergence across different types of regions and he shows negative effect. Committee agrees the thesis has the accepted level. Committee members mentioned data selection problems (especially for entering the EU support programs), overidentification, and some inaccuracies, as also listed in the referee reports. Main concern of the committee members was the identification of the EU support effects. Suggested grades from referees were B and B, committee concluded on B grade.

Result of defence:	excellent (B)	
Chair of the board:	prof. RNDr. Jan Hanousek, CSc., DSc. (present)
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