



## Record of the dissertation thesis defence

Academic year: 2022/2023

**Student's name and surname:** Mgr. Olesia Zeynalova  
**Student's ID:** 57833546

**Type of the study programme:** doctoral  
**Study programme:** Economics and Finance  
**Study ID:** 599439

**Title of the thesis:** Three Essays on the Economics of Education  
**Thesis department:** Institute of Economic Studies (23-IES)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Supervisor:** doc. PhDr. Zuzana Havránková, Ph.D.  
**Date of defence:** 31.05.2023    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The Defense Committee Chair welcomed committee members and all participants.  
The Defense Committee Chair initiated the defense by verbal statements confirming (i) that a satisfactory number of Defense Committee Members were present, (ii) that the student fulfilled all the requirements listed in the Study and Examination Code of Charles University.

The Defense Committee Chair introduced all committee members and asked Olesia Zeynalova to present her dissertation thesis. Olesia Zeynalova shortly described the main findings of the dissertation. Afterwards, Olesia Zeynalova focused on the 2nd chapter called "Tuition Fees and University Enrollment: A Meta-Regression Analysis" in more detail.  
After reading the referees' (appointed by the Graduation Council) comments, an open discussion followed. During the discussion, Olesia Zeynalova satisfactorily answered all the questions from the audience.  
Afterwards, Olesia Zeynalova and the audience left the room, and committee members voted.

Question: Regarding the first paper, what would be the recommendation for policymakers?  
Answer: If the tuition is introduced, it will have an impact on students (male students are more sensitive to price change).  
The committee members were satisfied with the answer.

Question: When using nonlinear methods you obtained positive estimates; how do you interpret this?  
Answer: The coefficient is positive but very close to zero.  
The committee members were satisfied with the answer.

Question: If you could see the applications of students, would it be possible to observe the behaviour of applicants? Is there some literature about this?

Answer: Universities are not willing to give the data for this and they are not aware of any relevant literature

The committee members were satisfied with the answer.

<b>Result of defence:</b>	pass (P)	
<b>Chair of the board:</b>	doc. PhDr. Martin Gregor, Ph.D. (present)	.....
<b>Committee members:</b>	Nikolai Cook, Ph.D.	.....
	Dr. Ing. Jerome Geyer-Klingeberg	.....
	doc. Ing. Jan Janků, Ph.D.	.....
	doc. PhDr. Julie Chytilová, Ph.D. (present)	.....
	PhDr. Lenka Šťastná, Ph.D. (present)	.....
	Mgr. Barbara Pertold-Gebicka, M.A., Ph.D. (present)	.....