



Report on the part of the final state examination Record of the thesis defence

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Title of the thesis: Where did people die? An international assessment of a potentially positive relationship between economic development and the severity of COVID-19 outbreaks

Thesis department: Institute of Economic Studies (23-IES)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: doc. Paola Bertoli, M.A., M.Sc., D.Phil.
Reviewer(s): Ing. Vilém Semerák, M.A., Ph.D.
Date of defence: 21.06.2023 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The student gave presentation via MS Teams. The student presented the thesis very well, outlining the research question, the methodology used (Bayesian model averaging), and the main results. The student then reacted to the comments raised in the advisor's and opponent's reports, namely about claimed causality, possible presence of hidden variables, which other methods could be used, the potential effects of including non-democratic countries in the sample and about the relationship between cultural differences and effectiveness of anti-covid measures. These questions were answered satisfactorily. The committee raised additional questions about effects of governmental interventions as a variable and the nature and importance of hydroxychlorine molecule which appears as a factor in the analysis. Ultimately, taking into account the opinion of the opponent, and balancing the strengths and the weaknesses of the thesis, the committee decided on the grade C.

Result of defence:	very good (C)	
Chair of the board:	doc. PhDr. Adam Geršl, Ph.D. (present)
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