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Jméno a příjmení studenta: Geghetsik Afunts, M.A.
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Pracoviště práce: CERGE (23-CERGE)
Jazyk práce: angličtina
Jazyk obhajoby: čeština
Školitel: prof. Ing. Štěpán Jurajda, Ph.D.
Oponent(i): Selma Walther, Ph.D.

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Průběh obhajoby: 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 Geghetsik Afunts fulfilled all the requirements as listed in the Study and Examination Code of Charles University including showing the appropriate documents.

At the beginning, the curriculum vitae of the Student was presented. Following this presentation, the Student started the presentation of the dissertation “Essays in Applied Economics”, presenting the main topics, methodologies, and findings of the dissertation to the Defense Committee. After reading the referees’ comments, an open discussion followed. During the discussion, the Student satisfactorily answered all the questions from the audience.

Josef Montag: Could you go back and explain the effect of UDL on the riskiness of marriage?
Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Sebastian Ottinger: How about people that never married, do you have data on that?
Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Andreas Menzel: You compare the risk of marriages where wife is more educated versus those in which they are equally educated. Is it really the cause of the difference or is it because highly educated women are more likely to divorce?
Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Sebastian Ottinger: Do people realize that if they marry someone who is less or more educated they face a higher risk of divorce? Is there any evidence for this?
Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Josef Montag: Do we have any evidence of effects of these laws on the actual assignment of children in divorce?

Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Josef Montag: Who are your respondents? Is it the general population? What is your response rate?

Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Andreas Menzel: There are many other mechanisms that work against you, for example, I know that many Ukrainians are coming to Germany, it will affect the wages decrease. There is also a huge shock to particular industries in Germany, now they are booming, look at the tanks production.

Geghetsik Afunts commented.

Štěpán Jurajda: Could you look at the explosion of the Nord Stream II? It is a visible event that has to do with energy prices. The Nord Stream is important for Germany.

Geghetsik Afunts commented.

Andreas Menzel: We may have two interpretations to these results. Either people follow the news a lot or was it more of a general effect? Did you check the income and the education level of the respondents?

Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Andreas Menzel: Do you have political affiliation of the respondents by any chance?

Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Sebastian Ottinger: Data on house ownership would also be nice. Or location, how close you are to the eastern boarder of Germany, for example.

Geghetsik Afunts commented.

Josef Montag: The change is going from the 1st of March, do you have an idea why is there a delay? Probably it was the time when they realised that it was not a three-day operation. That would be my speculation.

Geghetsik Afunts commented.

Andreas Menzel: A question about the last paper: do you want us to think about it as a specific paper about the Ukraine war or do you want us to think of it as a broader paper about the effect of conflict on inflation?

Geghetsik Afunts answered.

Výsledek obhajoby:	prospěl/a (P)	
Předseda komise:	Andreas Menzel, Ph.D. (přítomen)
Členové komise:	Sebastian Ottinger (přítomen)
	doc. Ing. Josef Montag, Ph.D. (přítomen)