IMESS DISSERTATION

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Please note that IMESS students are <u>not</u> required to use a particular set of methods (e.g. qualitative, quantitative, or comparative) in their dissertation.

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Dissertation title:	Empirical Research on the Factors Influencing Industrial Structure Upgrading of Central and Eastern European Countries

	70+	69-65	60-61	59-55	54-50	<50
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Knowledge *Knowledge of problems involved, e.g. historical and social context, specialist literature on the topic. Evidence of capacity to gather information through a wide and appropriate range of reading, and to digest and process knowledge.*		X				
Analysis & Interpretation *Demonstrates a clear grasp of concepts. Application of appropriate methodology and understanding; willingness to apply an independent approach or interpretation recognition of alternative interpretations; Use of precise terminology and avoidance of ambiguity; avoidance of excessive generalisations or gross oversimplifications.*			X			
Structure & Argument *Demonstrates ability to structure work with clarity, relevance and coherence. Ability to argue a case; clear evidence of analysis and logical thought; recognition of arguments limitation or alternative views; Ability to use other evidence to support arguments and structure appropriately.*			X			
Presentation & Documentation *Accurate and consistently presented footnotes and bibliographic references; accuracy of grammar and spelling; correct and clear presentation of charts/graphs/tables or other data. Appropriate and correct referencing throughout. Correct and contextually correct handling of quotations.*			X			
Methodology *Understanding of techniques applicable to the chosen field of research, showing an ability to engage in sustained independent research.*		X				

				Marker:	
ECTS Mark:	C/61	**UCL Mark:**	B/C (64)		
Deducted for late submission:	No			**Signed:**	
Deducted for inadequate referencing:				**Date:**	

MARKING GUIDELINES

A (UCL mark 70+): *Note: marks of over 80 are given rarely and only for truly exceptional pieces of work.*
Distinctively sophisticated and focused analysis, critical use of sources and insightful interpretation. Comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to the chosen field of research, showing an ability to engage in sustained independent research.

B/C (UCL mark 60-69):
A high level of analysis, critical use of sources and insightful interpretation. Good understanding of techniques applicable to the chosen field of research, showing an ability to engage in sustained independent research. 65 or over equates to a B grade.

D/E (UCL mark 50-59):
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Demonstration of a critical use of sources and ability to engage in systematic inquiry. An ability to engage in sustained research work, demonstrating methodological awareness. 55 or over equates to a D grade.

F (UCL mark less than 50):
Demonstrates failure to use sources and an inadequate ability to engage in systematic inquiry. Inadequate evidence of ability to engage in sustained research work and poor understanding of appropriate research techniques.

Comments, explaining strengths and weaknesses (_at least 300 words_):

The master thesis of You Muchen is focused on the topic, which deals with the factors influencing modernization of industrial structure in Central and Eastern Europe. The author provides sufficient analytical study in which he went through the many relevant sources. The theoretical and analytical part is in the thesis equally distributed. First chapter deals with the detailed literature review, which enables to understand and get to know basic overview about previous and current research of selected topic. The second part of this chapter, setting of hypothesis, is a little bit arguable. The author could have set two or three relevant hypothesis and tried to confirm or falsify them. Instead of that, he works with ten hypothesis, which is impossible to deal with. Third chapter, methodology, is relevant since author explained using of the quantitative methods. In fourth chapter that is called Findings author introduced empirical research of studied topic. The only notice from my side is about the quotation of tables. Regarding the fifth chapter, I would expect not only the discussion, but also providing some suggestion that should be results of the previous research. The final chapter is dedicated to conclusion.

Besides small mistakes, the thesis is readable. Author shows the ability to sum up many different sources and analyse them.

Overall, I rate it positively that author has provided structural analysis and presented his results in graphs. The strengths of the thesis is also wide range of literature used by author and its confrontation with analysed data. Author has proved ability to work with many different data from different sources. For some future research, I would recommend to clarify setting of hypothesis. From the formal point of view, the master thesis is acceptable. Despite the above-mentioned formal mistakes, I can fully recommend the thesis for the defence with the final grade C.

Specific questions you would like addressing at the oral defence (_at least 2 questions_):

1) **Which CEE country had the highest profit from FDI regarding the Industrial Structure Upgrading? Explain your answer.**

2) **What are the main recommendations regarding the Industrial Structure Upgrading in the CEE countries?**