



## Record of the dissertation thesis defence

Academic year: 2023/2024

**Student's name and surname:** Davit Adunts  
**Student's ID:** 42144826

**Type of the study programme:** doctoral  
**Study programme:** Economics and Econometrics  
**Study ID:** 484683

**Title of the thesis:** Essays on International Migration  
**Thesis department:** (23-CERGE)  
**Language of the thesis:** English  
**Language of defence:** English  
**Supervisor:** doc. Nikolas Karl Mittag, Ph.D.  
**Reviewer(s):** Benjamin Elsner, Ph.D.

Taryn Dinkelman, Ph.D.

**Date of defence:** 26.02.2024    **Venue of defence:** Praha  
**Attempt:** regular

**Course of defence:** The Defense Committee Chair initiated the defense by verbal statements confirming (i) that a satisfactory number of Defense Committee Members were present, and (ii) that the student Davit Adunts fulfilled all the requirements as listed in the Study and Examination Code of Charles University including showing the appropriate documents. At the beginning, the student was presented by the chair of his dissertation committee. Then Davit Adunts presented the chapters of his dissertation “Essays on International Migration”, their empirical models, datasets and estimation methodologies, and the related findings. After the presentation the main referees’ comments were read, afterwards an open discussion followed. During the discussion Davit Adunts answered satisfactorily the questions raised by both referees (he submitted all his answers in the written form to the Defense Committee) and by the audience. Nikolas Mittag: Do you see an effect on gender composition in the classes? Davit Adunts answered. Štěpán Jurajda: In the data, we see that the gender ratio is skewed towards females, do you have total enrollment in the 12th grade? Do you know the number of students in classes? Davit Adunts answered. Štěpán Jurajda: Are these scores for college applications? Is it a centralized system like in Georgia? What about aspirations? Would it be possible to measure whether students apply to the elite universities? Davit Adunts answered. Štěpán Jurajda: Is it possible to go to the individual level data for the smaller size? Davit Adunts answered.

Christian Ochsner: Many children in Ukraine live only with their mother, why do you distinguish children from full families and compare them with families whose fathers are abroad? Is it worse for a child to grow in a divorced family or a family where the father is abroad?

Davit Adunts answered.

Lubomír Cingl: Is there a positive effect when a parent, who's been abroad, returns home?

Davit Adunts answered.

Christian Ochsner: Why do you choose Math and History as the main subjects?

Davit Adunts explained.

Lubomír Cingl: Does the choice of the subject reflect the labor market opportunities in Europe? What composition of jobs do they face in Europe? How much does it pay off to study more?

Davit Adunts answered.

<b>Result of defence:</b>	pass (P)	
<b>Chair of the board:</b>	prof. Ing. Štěpán Jurajda, Ph.D. (present)	.....
<b>Committee members:</b>	Christian Ochsner, Ph.D. (present)	.....
	doc. PhDr. Lubomír Cingl, Ph.D. (present)	.....