Advisor's Report on Dissertation Thesis

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I am pleased to have the final version of Nino's dissertation in front of me, so her path through the Ph.D. studies will be successfully concluded. In my previous report on her dissertation, I highlighted her achievements which would have been impossible without her exceptional commitment to economics.

The dissertation includes three papers, two co-authored, and one was written by Nino entirely. During the pre-defense, Nino obtained excellent comments on all three papers. The first paper *"Do rural banks matter that much? Burgess and Pande (2005) reconsidered"*, which is already published in the Journal of Applied Econometrics (Q1 in economics, A journal), was extended for additional figures that appeared in the working paper version, but have been skipped for the journal due to a strict page limitation.

The referees had more comments on the second paper, *"Uncertain Trends in Economic Policy Uncertainty."* The most important was the question whether it could be possible to estimate the true uncertainty shocks using some instruments. Nino replied on this point that we were considering this option repeatedly but without coming to any clear-cut solution to this problem that would be possible to implement and would be reasonably credible. Additionally, Nino provided detailed answers to all other mainly clarification questions raised by the referees to this paper, pointing to limitations of academic access to Factiva database that, unfortunately, does not allow bulk scraping.

However, the core of the reports was in the comments on Nino's job market paper *"Disentangling p-hacking and Publication Bias."* I am much less expert on this topic than the referees, but based on my reading, Nino addressed all the remarks in her response carefully, and will incorporate some of the major points while preparing a major revision of her paper suitable for journal submission, and I do not have any specific critical remark on the way Nino responded to all the points raised, including those parts, where she acknowledged that some points simply remain an open issue, given the current edge of research in this area.

At this point, I do not have any remarks that shall be addressed before the defense. All my remarks were incorporated into the final version of the dissertation.

Therefore, I recommend Nino's dissertation for the defense.

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