

MASTER THESIS REVIEW

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Thesis: High-Skilled Female Migration and Gender Equality: Study of migration of highly educated women from Central and Eastern Europe
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Content

The thesis of Radvilė Bankauskaitė deals with the migration of highly educated woman from central Europe whose countries have integrated EU in the years 2000. The thesis focuses specifically on gender inequality, expected income and existing migrant networks in destination countries as key determinants of migration. The thesis makes a large and good review of the existing literature.

Women highly educated women migrate first, because income is better in the destination country, second because gender inequality is lower. The author explain carefully the difficulties to build the dataset used in the thesis. The author uses advanced econometric methods.

The main objective of the thesis is clearly stated. The quality of the economic analysis is very good as well as the use of the empirical/econometric methods (Poisson). The various concepts/variables used are clearly defined. Overall, the reader can easily follow the author's reasoning and understand the author's message. Mrs Bankauskaitė also conducts a number of robustness checks that strengthen the main result of the paper. All these elements make the thesis a high quality research work.

Literature and references

Please comment on: literature used and references.

A main asset of the thesis

Formal requirements

Please comment on: language style, consistency, graphic layout, tables and figures etc.

No particular remark

Topics for discussion

Mention questions that may be discussed during the defense. Delete the whole section if you do not have any questions.

Some explanatory variables are not easy to understand why they were included for instance : coloniser or same coloniser.

One sentence is unclear : *It has been shown that landlocked countries, or those distant from OECD countries have lower rates of emigration of the highly educated* but some central European (CE) countries belongs to OECD even before 2000.

The issue of the heterogeneity of the CE countries

False zero – justification of Poisson regression?

Overall evaluation and proposed grade

This thesis is of high quality, the author demonstrate that she can conduct a research in the proper way.

Please comment on your overall evaluation of the thesis. This section should end with a separate sentence (if you do not recommend the thesis for defense, add “not” in the sentence; then the proposed grade must be F):

I do recommend the thesis for defense with grade A.

Date: 16/06/2020

Signature:

