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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project The Effectiveness of Vocational Training for Unemployed	
Scientific importance The research project strives to explore the effectiveness of vocational training as a problem of social construction.	
Practical relevance Practical aspect of the research lies in indentifying the ways in which workers in job centers can improve or decrease effectiveness of vocational training for unemployed.	
Main thesis Proposed research of the dissertation thesis aims to identify the effectiveness of educational programmes and vocational training in increasing the employability and labour market position of unemployed people in the Czech Republic. Importance of the research is based on the assumption that such programmes should lead to prevention of long-term unemployment, and also provide a solution for the individuals in such a situation, especially by strengthening their human capital and general adaptability.	
Research methodology The qualitative research strategy was chosen for the purpose of the dissertation thesis. The social constructionism will be used as its theoretical framework.	
Key words “effectiveness”, “vocational training”, “unemployment”, “social constructionism”	
Most relevant literature Armstrong, R. et al. (2008) <i>New and Emerging Issues in Vocational Education and Training Research</i> . Betone Beck, U. (2000) <i>The Brave New World of Work</i> . Cambridge: Polity Press. Mareš, P. (2004) Od práce emancipující k práci mizející. <i>Sociologický časopis</i> . 40, 1–2: pp. 37–48 Pruijt, H., Dérogée, P. (2010) Employability and job security, friends or foes? The paradoxical reception of employacurity in the Netherlands. <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> . 4, 7, pp. 1-24. Šanderová, J., Šmídová, O. et al. (2009) Sociální konstrukce nerovností pod kvalitativní lupou. Praha: Sociologické nakladatelství.	
Key finding (if already existing)	

