

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Influence of the single currency on the trading volumes of EMU members and the Czech Republic

OVERALL ASSESSMENT (provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):

The thesis tackles the effect of common currency on trade creation empirically. It tries to revise the original findings in the literature by Andrew Rose.

This is a great thesis. Daniel shows a great understanding of the subject. The thesis is well-executed and literature cited appropriately. It looks more like MA rather than BA thesis. The revised version has some potential to be published in a journal.

I would like to draw the attention of the author to the article by Tomas Havranek that was recently published in the Review of World Economics. The article brings a new perspective (via quantitative survey) to the literature on the effect of common currency on trade creation.

I strongly recommend the thesis for the defense and suggest grade A. I also suggest a distinction from the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences for an extraordinarily good BA thesis.

SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	18
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	28
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	28
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	94
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Roman Horvath

DATE OF EVALUATION: May 26, 2010

Referee Signature

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated, and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value added of the thesis.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

Overall grading:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE		
81 – 100	1	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	2	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	3	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	4	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě