

ASSESSMENT OF MASTER THESIS OF THE OPPONENT

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Master Thesis Topic: How to Maintain and Keep Low and Stable Inflation in Arentina

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	Above Average	Average	Bellow Average
Evaluation the topic itself (regardless of the student):			
1.1 How actual and significant is the topic?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 How difficult is the topic in terms of theoretical knowledge?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 How difficult is the issue in regards to the practical experience or field work?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 How much difficulty does the student find the reference (support) materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Verbal evaluation (a few sentences), in particular:

Point 1.4: The author uses a quite important number of sources, which is to be appreciated, but none of them is really difficult to be acquired.....
If necessary, other points: The goal of the thesis is very ambitious and probably too hard for a master level student. The topic is very wide and the question answered is very complex.

2. Evaluation of the structure and coherence of work:

2.1 How logical and clear is the structure of the work?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2 How much does the author use current and adequate resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3 How much enough and functionally equipped the author of his/her work especially not-copied graphs, tables, data, attachments, etc..?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4 What is the level of compatibility between the components of the baseline of work: the topic, the entire work, the objectives, the structure and the conclusions?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Verbal evaluation (a few sentences), in particular:

Point 2.1: The thesis is quite nice to read, since its structure is very clear and logical.

Point 2.4: The structure of the thesis clearly leads the reader from introductory presentation of the topic through its detailed description to author's own conclusions.

If necessary, other points:

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3. Evaluation of the quality of the text of the work:

3.1 How deeply and efficiently did the author analyzed the topic? ☐ ☒ ☐

3.2 How appropriately has the author chosen methods in relation
to the topic? ☐ ☒ ☐

3.3 Has the author formulated the goal of the work clearly and
is it logically structured? ☒ ☐ ☐

3.4 To what level has the author fulfilled his/her goals and work
according to the approved thesis assignment,
which is part of the goal? ☐ ☒ ☐

3.5 How logically and well-structured are the conclusions of
work and which level of added value does his/her thesis
contain? ☐ ☒ ☐

Verbal evaluation (a few sentences), in particular:

Point 3.3: The goal of the thesis is clearly formulated at the very beginning.

Point 3.4: It is clear that the author spent a lot of time studying the topic and formulating the conclusions. For a master student, it is a satisfactory work. However, given the complexity of the subject, the conclusions are a little bit too simplistic.

Point 3.5: It is not clearly stated what the most important contribution of the thesis should be and how much value added it brings in addition to other materials mentioned there. The conclusions are sometimes a bit contradictory (e.g., it is hard for me to see how Argentine government can attract FDI in infrastructure projects in which it should also take part and reduce public expenditure at the same time.).....

If necessary, other points:

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4. Evaluation of the form and style of work

<p><i>Instructions for processors: Author of the assessment must complete a verbal evaluation of designated evaluation points for the work, which are crucial for the defense, and therefore must have adequate explanatory power.</i></p>
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| 4.1 How if the formal adjustment of the work? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.2 What is the quality of citations and references? | | | |
| Are they identifiable sources? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.3 How is the stylistic level of the work, especially using the right economic terminology? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Verbal evaluation (a few sentences), in particular:

Point 4.2: Citations and references follow usual standards.

If necessary. other points: The thesis is written in a pretty good English, even though from time to time there are some smaller mistakes (e.g., the author confuses systematically the expressions „effective“ and „efficient“).

5. Overall Evaluation (It is necessary to clarify and specify whether the work (the thesis) meets the requirements from the point of view of its content, scope, quality and other required formalities according to the methodology of the faculty of Economics. It should also be mentioned if work (the thesis) is recommended or not for, their defense. It can also be recommended for any special award or project (or something similar):

The thesis satisfies all formal requirements, and it is thus my great pleasure to recommend it for defense. It is a fairly written text, in which the author unfortunately tackles issues that are far too complex for such a limited analysis. Even though a lot of time was clearly spent on the issue, some of the conclusions seem to be a little bit naïve. I am missing especially some comparison with other countries, where the suggested policies were applied with or without success. However, given that it is still only a master thesis, I appreciate it as being very good.

6. Questions for the defense:

In your thesis, you suggest three streams of policies with which Argentina could decrease the inflation. There are some contradictions between these three streams. How would you reconcile them?

Do you have any examples of countries that implemented successfully some of the policies that you mention?

In your opinion, why did not the Argentine government implement so far some of the policies that you propose in your thesis?

In your thesis, you mention opinions of several economic experts from international institutions, but you do not talk about predictions of Argentine central bank. Do you know what the position of this institution is regarding the issue that you study?

Suggested Grade: Very good: 89 - 75

Datum: February 22, 2016.....

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Signature of thesis opponent

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