

Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Trade**

Academic year: **2016/2017**

Master Thesis Topic: **Money laundering**

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| | Criterion | Mark (1–4) |
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| 1. | Overall objective achievement | 1 |
| 2. | Logical structure | 2 |
| 3. | Using of literature, citations | 2 |
| 4. | Adequacy of methods used | 2 |
| 5. | Depth of analysis | 1 |
| 6. | Self-reliance of author | 1 |
| 7. | Formal requirements: text, graphs, tables | 2 |
| 8. | Language and stylistics | 1 |

Comments and Questions:

The master thesis examines the topical issue of money laundering and anti money laundering (AML) policies that exist in today's world. After defining the main terms and definitions, the thesis describes the AML and analyses the real examples of money laundering. The author has performed a thorough literature research, including a long list of business publications, which is apparent from citations. Personally, I admire her determination in the selection of the topic which by no means easy. The thesis, however, falls short of being perfect in all aspects: the academic and formal sides could be improved further, especially in terms of structure and citations. Hence, as the supervisor, I suggest the grade **very good** with a possibility of improvement at the defence.

Questions for the defence:

1. In the author's opinion, what legislative changes should countries introduce to fight money laundering?
2. Will the U.S. and EU crackdown on tax havens help tackle the problem?
3. What is the role of Cyprus in money laundering schemes in the EU?

Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **2**

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