

Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Business - Central European Business Realities**

Academic year: **2017/2018**

Master Thesis Topic: **"Whatever it takes" – Global Issues in the light of quantitative easing**

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Opponent: **Ing. Pavel Žamberský, Ph.D.**

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

Comments and Questions:

I liked author's personal engagement in the topic and ability to think about monetary policies during global financial crisis in much broader context. Tiago has come up with many interesting conclusions which indicate that global problems could be solved differently and in much more effective way if there were a political will to do so. The thesis deals with a traditional economic topic, but simultaneously it has got a deeper philosophical dimension and broader political implications too. From that perspective I have found the thesis as an extraordinary one.

On the other hand, there are also some drawbacks. The goals of the thesis are perhaps too general and ambitious so that they could be hardly met to a full extent. Many tables or graphs are not authentic since they are just copied from other sources too.

Questions for the defense:

The thesis opens an interesting discussion on social priorities and the ways how to effectively address the main challenges of our future. But how can we be sure that we have chosen the most needful areas to work on? Isn't your choice in that perspective also a little bit arbitrary one? And how can we know that money influx will help to fix environmental issues if we have an evidence of many ineffective or even counteractive measures and strong lobbying in this area?

Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **2**

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