

Master's Thesis Evaluation by the Opponent

Title of the Master's Thesis:

Analysis of argumentations of selected Czech political parties regarding the euro adoption

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Goals of the Master's Thesis:

The aim of this thesis is to perform a qualitative content analysis of argumentations of selected Czech political parties regarding the adoption of the euro in the Czech Republic.

Evaluation:

	Criteria	Description	Max. points	Points
Content 70%	Output Quality	The content and the results of the work are presented in a clear, logical way and show the author's good orientation in the chosen issue and the ability of structured thinking. As the author points out in his work, the decision to adopt the euro largely influences the opinions of the leading political parties, so the chosen topic is up-to-date and original.	20	20
	Goals	The author of the thesis clearly and transparently defined the aims of the work which he gradually fulfilled in his work with the help of theory and his own practical research. Nevertheless, the author of this work, thanks to his current position as member of czech deputy office in the European Parliament in Brussels, could broaden the goals of the European element by comparing of presented views on the adoption of the euro by selected national political parties on the czech political scene, with the official presented views of MEPs from selected parties in the European Parliament. This comparison of consistency would be an interesting extension of work as a whole.	10	9
	Methodology:	The author of the thesis adequately used the statistical methods and his own research to fulfill the goals of the work. The author presents the results of the research in the framework of well-designed figures and goes into the depth of the argumentation dimensions. However, the author could still use the comparative analysis method to aggregate the results obtained and demonstrate the results in several well-designed general figures and could lead to new further conclusions from the point of view of the inductive method.	20	19
	Theory/ Conceptualization:	The author rightly used convenient economic theory of optimal currency areas for the introduction of the analysis of Maastricht criteria in the theoretical part and in the whole work demonstrated the ability to combine appropriate theoretical knowledge with the practical results of his research. However, the author of the thesis did not fully explain reasons for selection of concrete sources for analyzes in the practical part of the thesis and the basis for some of his statements - used in his practical research - was drawn from inappropriate sources such as Wikipedia.	20	18

Formal requirements 15%	Structure:	The content is logically, consistently structured and meets the requirements of the master's final thesis. A minor lack of clarity is only absent summarizing general conclusion at the end of the work involving the interconnection of the theoretical and practical parts.	3	3
	Terminology:	The linguistic and terminological level meets the requirements of the master thesis and indicates sufficient terminology of the author.	4	4
	Formalities:	Formal layout and requirements, extent and abstract meet the required quality.	4	4
	Citing:	The author of the thesis used the Harvard method of citing that fully complies with the citation standards.	4	4
Delivery 15 %	Presentation document:	Is the presentation itself structured in a clear way? Is it appealing and easy to follow? Does it convey the message efficiently?	5	
	Presentation skills:	Are you conveying the message efficiently and timely? Do you use appropriate words, speed, tone of voice, gestures, movement etc. to express your thoughts in a clear manner?	5	
	Argumentation:	Are you able to readily and briskly react to questions or comments? Are you able to explain unclear parts and connect comments to relevant places in your presentation or parts of particular analyses? How well are you able to defend to your ideas and recommendations?	5	
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Other comments:

The up-to-date nature of the topic and the results of the author's thesis have met expectations and are a good basis for engaging and further research. The results offer a number of possible developments, for example for the international comparison of EU countries not having the euro etc.

Questions or comments to be discussed during the thesis defence:

How is author view on the Maastricht criteria for interest rates and the level of public debt that are calculated on the basis of the average results of all EU Member States for the applicants of euro adoption, not on the basis of Eurozone members' results in the context of the Mundell theory of the optimal currency area of the single currency?

What is the opinion of the author on the referendum as a tool for deciding accept or not taccept the single currency euro, and what are his economic, political and socio-cultural arguments for his position in context of thesis' result?

Which in thesis investigated political party has the most conscientious opinion on the adoption/nonadoption of the euro and why from author point of view?

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