

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague

Student:	Bc. Vojtěch Sůva
Advisor:	Petr Janský M.Sc.
Title of the thesis:	Offshore Financial Centers and the financial crisis

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

The economics literature on the topic of offshore financial centres is not huge and I think that this thesis summarizes the relevant literature in a coherent way as well as it is a solid contribution to the literature on its own merits. I was pleased to supervise the most comprehensive economic analysis of offshore financial centres carried out at a Czech university up to date.

All of my points that I considered crucial have been by now incorporated into the thesis and so instead of pointing out problems, let me highlight the main contribution of Bc. Vojtěch Sůva - he has showed the effects of financial crisis on the OFCs using the best available data.

The author has overcome all the problems related to the data availability or not very well developed economic literature in a very professional way. Although there are some questions left – such as those related to the Czech Republic (working more with the Czech data or computing the Zorome-like computations), the questions answered deserve an excellent grade for the thesis.

Suggested question for the defense is:

- “What part of the thesis do you think deserve a publication and are you planning to publish it?”

In the case of successful defense, I recommend “výborně” (excellent, 1).

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	18
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	22
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	18
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	83
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Petr Janský M.Sc.

DATE OF EVALUATION: 20.8.2010

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