

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	The effect of exchange rate changes on stock market volatility in New Member states

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

This is an original, well-executed thesis. The author uses the family of generalized autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity models to investigate the effect on exchange rate changes on stock market volatility in selected EU new member countries. Radek shows that (with some exemptions) exchange rate depreciation contributes to the increased stock market volatility. This has some rationale, as EU new member countries exhibit trend real exchange rate appreciation mainly due to its catching-up process to the old members.

The author has a good grasp on time series econometrics modeling and has shown ability to work independently on a large-scale project. The thesis has a standard structure, it is well-written and literature is well-cited. The results are well interpreted and discussed.

I strongly recommend the thesis for the defense and suggest grade A. I also suggest a distinction from the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences for an extraordinarily good BA thesis.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	18
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	29
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	28
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	17
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	92
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE:

DATE OF EVALUATION:

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