

Report on Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Parallel Currency: A Suitable Tool for Vulnerable Euro Zone Countries?

CELKOVÉ HODNOCENÍ

The thesis explores potential solutions to Eurozone crisis with focus on parallel currency. It describes the crisis, introduces a parallel currency theory and compares it to Euro zone break-up scenario and hard restructuring option.

There are almost no misspellings, only negligible stylistical shortcomings (“decreasing mood” on page 52) and the thesis is well structured.

The thesis does not employ any sophisticated model but nicely summarizes potential solutions to the European sovereign debt crisis and even attempts to introduce a new option (parallel currency which would be able to devaluate).

The author could focus less on description of current situation (Chapter 2) and more on broader practical implications of proposed measures. I also suggest that the author rewrite the abstract in a way that also summarizes the findings, not only copies most of the introduction.

The thesis fulfills requirements for a master thesis as far as both structure and content are concerned. Literature and findings are also sufficient.

I recommend a grade „excellent“.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	17
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	21
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	19
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	82
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

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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