

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Currency separation of Czechoslovakia in 1993 - any lessons for the Euro area?

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

The thesis deals with an indepth description of the Czechoslovakian currency separation in 1993 (Chapter 2) and investigates differencies and similarities of that situation and current, post-crisis economic environment in the Euro area (Chapter 3). The intention of the thesis is to use the Czechoslovakian experience to look at practical issues of a possible exit of so called PIIGS countries from the EMU. Finally, the thesis comes with an analysis of general benefits and costs of a monetary union separation and concludes that expecially in case of Greece, an exit would be rather harmful to its economy (Chapter 4).

Methodology used for argumentation in the thesis consists mainly of a literature review and expert consultations, but it uses quantitative methods as well (e.g. Balassa index). The approach is definitely legitimate and the thesis represents valuable contribution to the current academic debate of the topic.

I have only two smaller concerns:

- In the part 2.1.3, p. 7, the footnote, I would appreciate an attempt to present stated values of fiscal transfers in comparable way (to mention at least the exchange rate at that time).
- Concerning the usage of the Balassa index (part 3.1.6, p. 40), the abbreviation RCA is in literature usually referred to as the Balassa index formula itself. When the value of the index is greater than one ($RCA > 1$), it is called „revealed“ comparative advantage. The „Number of sectors with RCA“ line name in the Table 3.6 is thus a bit confusing.

Suggested question for the defence is:

- What do you think would be the most probable development of the currency issue in Scotland if it gains independence from United Kingdom?

In case of successful defence, I recommend **“výborně” (excellent, 1)**.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
Literature (max. 20 points)	18
Methods (max. 30 points)	18
Contribution (max. 30 points)	25
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	81
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

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