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**Masters Thesis:** From the Lira to the Single Currency: the Euro's transitional costs and its unexpected side effects. The Italian case.

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This thesis is in fact a long essay on different problems tied with the change to the Euro in Italy. It is really interdisciplinary, probably more sociological than economic and more psychology - mass-media oriented than political science oriented. For me, this interdisciplinarity is the real plus of this thesis (but it was pretty hard to be an advisor for something like that).

The thesis is well structured and its parts are balanced. In the first three chapters, there is a comparative analysis of different data related to the main theme. In the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> chapters, some psychology, mass media and political science are brought to the scene, and in the rest of the thesis – some economics can be found.

I have consulted with the author the preceding versions of this thesis and in this final version, all my comments have been taken into account already.

For the final discussion, I suggest following questions:

1. In the Introduction – the interpretation of Figures 1- 4 is problematical, different questions had been asked in the surveys. What is the author's opinion on that?
2. In the author's own survey – are the results not influenced by the sample of respondents?
3. What is the scientific approach (headline for chapter 6)?

I recommend this thesis for the final discussion and I suggest the A evaluation.

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