

# Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>The Effectiveness of Unconventional Monetary Policy Tools at the Zero Lower Bound: A DSGE Approach</b>

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

The student addresses a problem which is of high importance recently as many central banks (CNB, ECB, FED, SNB, BoE, BoJ) wasted their conventional policy tools and uses unconventional policy tools. There is no widespread consensus on the effects of these unconventional policy tools. Moreover, there is no consensus on what unconventional policy tools are the most appropriate.

Student clearly formulates her research questions and uses appropriate methods to answer these research questions. Moreover, the methods used are very advanced even for a master student.

The survey of literature is broad enough and covers also the most recent literature on unconventional monetary policy.

My only criticism is that I would expect a more profound explanation why a student thinks that price level targeting overperforms inflation targeting; not only cite some papers but also provides a reader with arguments why price level targeting should overperform inflation targeting. If I am correct, price level targeting is just a special case of inflation targeting, targeting zero inflation.

Otherwise, this thesis is of very high quality, especially in comparison to other theses. Therefore I **strongly recommend this thesis to be graded as Excellent (1, výborně) and also recommend to award the distinction of the Dean of the Faculty for excellent master thesis.**

I also recommend this thesis to be published (in a shorter form) in some impacted journal.

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

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	20
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	30
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	28
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>98</b>
<b>GRADE</b> (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	<b>1</b>

**NAME OF THE REFEREE:** Václav Franče

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