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Masters Thesis: The privatization process in the Russian Federation

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This thesis describes in quite a high detail privatization in Russia. A lot of useful material is gathered here and it opens the possibility for a non-Russian reader to get more knowledge about Russian opinions on different issues tied with privatization.

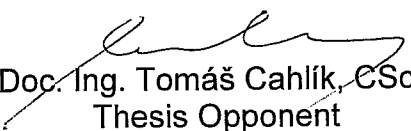
The thesis is structured as follows: In the first chapter, state and development of Russian economy in the transition period are described. In the second chapter, the author starts with discussing privatization in a general way and goes ahead with the description of the privatization process in Russia. In the third chapter, some of the economic results of privatization in Russia are evaluated.

I really appreciate the work the author has done with putting all the material together. My main problem is that the connection among the author's verbal descriptions or descriptions and tables is unclear in quite a lot of cases. As an example: in the first chapter, the foreign commerce crisis (verbal description) is illustrated by the balance of foreign commerce of agricultural products in Table 2, but foreign commerce is not only about agriculture.

For the final discussion, I suggest to discuss the author's sentence from page 23 "It would not be an exaggeration to say, that default influenced positively the Russian's economy".

I recommend this thesis for the final discussion, I suggest the C evaluation, in the case of excellent defense, I would not mind a B.

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