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Report on Master Thesis

Title: The Impact of the Swiss-EU Relationships on the Swiss Banking Secrecy

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The author has surely written an interesting thesis. After the first introductory chapter we can find three chapters forming the main body of this thesis: on the history of the Swiss banking secrecy, on the legal and ethical aspects of the Swiss banking secrecy and a description of the Swiss financial centre. The last three chapters bring some material on the Swiss – EU relationship.

My basic complain is about misbalances in chapters. According to the title, the thesis ought to be centered in the Swiss – EU relationship; in fact it is centered in the Swiss banking secrecy. Another complain is on methodology – the author forms his conclusions based on an anonymous expert interview and something like this can be used in journalism but not in a serious research.

Even with these comments, I recommend this thesis for the final discussion and I suggest evaluating it like a good one.

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Opponent

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