

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	The Role of the Interest Rate in Causing the Great Depression

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

This bachelor thesis summarizes three basic theoretical approaches to the Great Depression – Keynesian, Monetarist and Austrian – and compares these approaches in this context. The basic point of interest is for the author the behaviour and the role of the interest rate in the Great Depression.

I realize that it is quite difficult to bring new insights into the „Economics of the Great Depression“. I appreciate how the author tried to master different theoretical approaches. Sometimes, the explanation is a little bit schematic, but it is probably caused by the space limitation.

I think this thesis fulfills the IES standards of and requirements on a bachelor thesis and I recommend this thesis for defence.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	15
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	20
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	20
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	75
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	2

NAME OF THE REFEREE: *Doc. Ing. Tomáš Cahlík, CSc.*

DATE OF EVALUATION: *September 7, 2015*

Referee Signature

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated, and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value added of the thesis.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

Overall grading:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE		
81 – 100	1	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	2	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	3	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	4	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě