

Review

of the student's thesis work by **Viktoria Svechnikova** on the topic: **“Price Formation on the World Copper market as Russian Economy Development Factor”**

Scale of assessments, scores		Scores			
		High	Medium	Low	Unsatisfactory
excellent (A)	8,5 – 10	0,8 -1	0,8 - 0,5	0,5 - 0,1	0
very good (B)	7 – 8,4				
good (C)	6 – 6,9				
satisfactory (D)	5 – 5,9				
low (E)	4 – 4,9				
failed (F)	< 3,9				
1.	Compliance of the thesis theme with the of MA programme competences				
2.	Conception’s authenticity, the author's own approach to the problem	0,9			
3.	Clarity of goals and objectives of the study	0,8			
4.	Scientific and practical significance of the study	0,9			
5.	Presence of authentic information collected and processed by the author	1,0			
6.	The author’s relevant use of economic analysis methods	0,9			
7.	Theoretical background of the study	0,8			
8.	The scale of use of foreign sources by the author	1,0			
9.	The scale the author uses the studies issued by Economic Faculty of SPSU	0,8			
10.	Degree of compliance with the University requirements for diploma works	0,9			
Total score		9,0			

Excellent research, congratulations.

Remarks and questions

1. The title and the proclaimed aim of the research are too demanding. In fact, the copper prices do not exert tangible influence of the development of Russian economy as a whole. But what about some regions?
2. It is not very correct to formulate conclusions of the research in the Introduction (90 per cent... - p.6).
3. Price discovery – what is meant?
4. The recommendation to increase the internal demand for copper (p. 67) for the sake of increasing the share of domestic demand sounds artificial.
5. The recommendations for the business are formulated. Does the author formulate any recommendations for the government?

Diploma thesis of Viktoria Svechnikova is broadly in line with the University requirements for studies of this kind, and may be admitted to assessment, preliminary evaluation is excellent (A)

Associate prof.

Vladimir G. Sherov

Department of World Economy

15.06.2012