

Review
Of MA student's thesis work by Anna Timofeeva on the topic: "Contemporary issues of European monetary integration"

		Scores			
		High	Medium	Low	Unsatisfactory
		0,8-1	0,5-0,7	0,1-0,4	0
1.	Compliance with the thesis theme of 080,102 specialty (world economy), topical relevance of the study	1			
2.	Conception's authenticity, the author's own approach to the problem	0,8			
3.	Clarity of goals and objectives of the study	0,8			
4.	Scientific and practical significance of the study	1			
5.	Presence of authentic information collected and processed by the author	0,9			
6.	The author's relevant use of economic analysis methods	0,8			
7.	Theoretical background of the study	1			
8.	The scale of use of foreign sources by the author	1			
9.	The scale the author uses the studies issued by Economic Faculty of SPbSU			0,3	
10.	Degree of compliance with the University requirements for diploma works	1			
	Total score	8,6			
		Scale of assessments, scores			
		excellent (A)	8,5 – 10		
		very good (B)	7 – 8,4		
		good (C)	6 – 6,9		
		satisfactory (D)	5 – 5,9		
		low (E)	4 – 4,9		
		unsatisfactory (F)	< 3,9		

After reviewing this paper following remarks should be made:

- From the reviewed text it is unclear why the special attention was paid to the Theory of Optimal Currency Area (Chapter 2, Paragraph 1).
- In Chapter 3, Paragraph 3, the author investigates new fiscal discipline measures and mechanisms in the Euro Area. However, positive and negative impacts of that policy on the EMU recovery were not defined well enough.
- The relevant studies by Russian economists were not used by the author, with minor exceptions. Does that mean that Russian sources of data and scientific knowledge in this particular field of research do not exist or have no scientific value?

The reviewed diploma thesis by Anna Timofeeva is broadly in line with the University requirements for studies of this kind, and may be admitted to assessment; preliminary evaluation is **excellent (A)**.

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