

EVALUATION REVIEW

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of PhD thesis for awarding the scientific degree “Doctor of science” in higher education area 3. Social, economic and law sciences, professional field 3.8 Economics

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Тема: FINANCIAL SECURITY OF REPUBLIC OF POLAND

1. General characteristics of the materials presented

In accordance with Order № 107/1.03.2023 of the Rector of VUZF – prof. Boris Velchev, DSc. I have been selected as a member of the Scientific Jury in a procedure for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of science” to a thesis, titled: „FINANCIAL SECURITY OF REPUBLIC OF POLAND“ in higher education field 3. Social, economic and law sciences, Professional field 3.8. Economics. Author of the thesis is: Jolanta Puacz-Olszewska

The materials, submitted by Jolanta Puacz-Olszewska include the following documents:

A copy of the thesis, abstract of the thesis, a completed card for fulfillment of the minimum requirements for scientific degree “Doctor of Science”, list of contributions of the thesis, list of publications, list of abstracts of the publications, related to the title of the thesis, CV, a copy of a diploma for awarded education and scientific degree “Doctor”, presentation.

The PhD candidate has attached: three (3) monographs, two (2) articles and papers, published in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world famous databases with scientific information, six (6) articles, published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals in edited collective volumes, six (6) studies, published in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world famous databases with scientific information, four (4) studies, published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals in edited collective volumes, twenty (20) published chapters of collective monographs and list of citations.

3. Brief biographical reference of the candidate

The PhD candidate Jolanta Puacz-Olszewska obtained educational and scientific degree “Doctor” in Humanities in the field of political sciences in 2010 at Faculty of political sciences at Marie Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. She has graduated the specialty political sciences, majoring in local self-government and regional politics at the Pedagogical Academy - National Education Commission in Krakow, Faculty of Humanities in 2005. In 2003 she graduated political sciences – first cycle of education at the Faculty of Humanities at University of Social and Economic Sciences in Ticin. Since 2017 till present, she has worked as an assistant professor at various departments at the University of Technology in Rzeszów-Poland.

3. General characteristics and evaluation of the PhD candidate thesis

The PhD candidate thesis covers a total of 251 pages. It is structured in table of content, introduction, five chapters, conclusion, list of figures and tables and reference list. It includes theoretical and empirical part. The theoretical section introduces the views for financial security in the context of the fiscal, monetary, and supervisory policy from the viewpoint of the functions of the various public institutions. In the empirical section, based on data from public databases, it is presented the level and nature of financial security in Poland. They are used different variables, which present the impact of COVID-19 pandemics on the financial risk and actions for systematic risks of the finances of the country. The results of the research are presented by 98 figures, 9 tables and the reference list cover a total of 156 resources.

4. Contributions and significance of the PhD candidate thesis for the development of science and practice

The main purpose of the research is to be analyzed the level of financial security in Poland in the context of fast economic changes in the country in the period 2015-2022.

The main results achieved in the PhD candidate thesis are as follows:

1. The presented thesis is an attempt for interdisciplinary approach to the nature of the financial security. It includes some theoretical assumptions for better management of the public finances.
2. The present research is an analysis of the financial situation in Poland for the last seven years, based on collected and systematized information, which could be of benefit for the practice.

5. Evaluation of the publications in relation to the topic of the PhD thesis candidate

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Twenty-eight (28) of these publications are directly related to the title of the PhD candidate thesis. As a result of the review, twenty-three (23) of them remain directly linked to the title of the thesis, which is enough.

6. Evaluation of the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements

I concern that the candidate meets the minimum national requirements according to the documents submitted and in accordance with the regulations of VUZF.

It is made an inquiry about the candidate's fulfillment of the minimum national requirements for obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Science" in the professional field 3.8. Economy

7. Abstract of the PhD candidate thesis

The content and quality of the abstract is good. It is written in accordance with the relevant regulations and presents the main results, achieved in the thesis.

8. Critical remarks and recommendations

There could be made some critical remarks and recommendations to the research:

1. „The financial security“ as a concept, introduced by the author should be better distinguished by the procedure for macroeconomic disbalances, which is conducted in line with the European trimester, as well as with the theory for management of the endogenous and exogenous shocks, influencing the business-cycle.
2. The literature review needs to be expanded, as some authoritative publications on the topic to be included, for example:

Fujing, Ye. "Financial Opening and Financial Security." The Chinese Journal of International Politics 1, no. 4 (2007): 559–87. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48615650>.

Boy, Nina, J. Peter Burgess, and Anna Leander. "The Global Governance of Security and Finance: Introduction to the Special Issue." Security Dialogue 42, no. 2 (2011): 115–22. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/26301755>.

3. In such type of research, it is necessary an econometric or at least a statistical one. При такъв тип тема е добре да се направи иконометричен анализ или поне статистически. The generation of figures from public information databases does not constitute a statistical analysis, but can only be a part of a descriptive analysis.

However, the conducted research in a great extent has achieved the goals that have been set in its introduction section.

CONCUSION

The PhD candidate's thesis **contains scientifically applied results, which are original scientific contribution** and **they cover** the requirements of the Act on development of the academic staff of Republic of Bulgaria and the regulations for its implementation. The presented materials and conclusions in the thesis **correspond** to the specific requirements of the Regulation for admission and training of PhD students at VUZF.

The PhD candidate's thesis shows that Jolanta Puacz-Olszewska **possesses** good theoretical knowledge and professional skills in professional field 3.8 Economics, as **she demonstrates** qualities and skills to independently conduct scientific research.

Having in mind the abovementioned, I give a **positive assessment** of the conducted research, presented by the above-reviewed thesis, abstract, list of contributions and I **suggest to the esteemed Scientific Jury to award scientific degree „Doctor of Science“** to Jolanta Puacz-Olszewska in higher education area 3. Social, economic and law sciences, professional field 3.8 Economics.

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Reviewer:

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