

EVALUATION REVIEW

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of DSc 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: Challenges to the Eurozone and forecasting the implementation of new currency in Poland.

1. General characteristics of the materials presented

In accordance with Order № 815/11.12.2023 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: “Challenges to the Eurozone and forecasting the implementation of new currency in Poland” in higher education field 3. Social, economic and law sciences, Professional field 3.8. Economics. Author of the thesis is: Iwona Dudzik, PhD in DSc candidate programme „Finance and Insurance“ at VUZF.

The materials, submitted by Iwona Dudzik include the following documents:

A copy of the thesis, abstract of the thesis, a declaration for paper originality, 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 citations, list of abstracts of the publications, related to the title of the thesis, CV, a certified copy of a diploma for awarded education and scientific degree “Doctor”, translated by licensed translator and a presentation.

The DSc candidate has attached: one (1) monographs, one (1) monograph, which is not presented as a main habilitation work, eight (8) articles and papers, published in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world famous databases with scientific information, fourteen (14) articles, published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals in edited collective volumes, twenty-three (23) studies, pub-

lished in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals in edited collective volumes, sixty (60) published chapters of collective monographs and a list of citations.

2. Brief biographical reference of the candidate

The DSc candidate Iwona Dudzik obtained educational and scientific degree “Doctor” in Philosophy in 2006 at the University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland. She has worked at the Fr. Bronislaw Markiewicz State Higher School of Technology and Economics in Jaroslaw, Poland since 2001 till now. She has achieved the Bronislaw Markiewicz State School of Technology and Economics Director;s honorary awards in Jaroslaw, Poland for a couple of years - 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023.

3. General characteristics and evaluation of the PhD candidate thesis

The DSc candidate thesis covers a total of 292 pages. It is structured in table of content, introduction, list of abbreviations, five chapters, discussion and conclusion and reference list. The first chapter consist of two sections, the second chapter has four sections, the third chapter has two sections, the four chapter consists of two sections and the five chapter has three sections. The reference list covers a total of 524 sources, including 151 monographs, 242 scientific articles and other sources, 81 legislative acts, 50 articles from websites. The thesis covers a total of 52 tables, 64 graphs, 2 figures and 2 schemes.

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

In the DSc candidate thesis, there has been discussed a relevant economic problem.

The main scientifically-applied contribution of the DSc candidate thesis is that based on the analysis it is stated that the government costs for implementation of the unified currency in Poland do not exceed the benefits of this act in the long-run.

The future and the economic development of the country is determined by the introduction of the euro currency. The worries of the Polish people regarding the hard transitional period and the period of stabilization after the introduction of the unified currency, according to the present analysis, could decrease or even be decisive for the final decision-making process.

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

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After reviewing the presented materials, directly related to the topic of the DSc thesis, I accept the following: one (1) monograph, zero (0) “reviews” of monographs, nine (9) articles and one (1) chapter in collective monograph.

I would like to remark that no publications, linked to the name of the DSc candidate could be found in the SCOPUS database, even though she has mentioned that she has eight publications in this database.

6. Evaluation of the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements

I concern that the DSc 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 DSc 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 first and the second chapter of the research are redundant, as they are general and well-known by the scientific community. Most of the text in them is written in the textbooks in macroeconomics and public finances. The text itself does not contribute to the achievement of the main hypothesis and goals of the research.
2. For such type of a research, it is better to be made an econometric analysis. Now, the research includes only 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 DSc 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 DSc candidate's thesis shows that Iwona Dudzik **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 Iwona Dudzik in higher education area 3. Social, economic and law sciences, professional field 3.8 Economics.

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Reviewer:

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