REFEREE'S REVIEW

Program:	International Business
Student:	Salohiddin Rahmonov
Title of thesis:	Social and economic consequences of Tajikistan entering Customs Union

Justification of the topic choice. Accuracy in defining the aim and objectives of the thesis. Justification of the topic choice; accuracy in defining the aim and tasks of the thesis; originality of the topic and the extent to which it was covered; alignment of the thesis' topic, aim and objectives.	5	4	3	2
Structure and logic of the text flow. Logic of research; full scope of the thesis; alignment of thesis' structural parts, i.e. theoretical and empirical parts.	5	4	3	2
Quality of analytical approach and quality of offered solution to the research objectives. Adequacy of objectives coverage; ability to formulate and convey the research problem; ability to offer options for its solution; application of the latest trends in relevant research are for the set objectives.	5	4	3	2
Quality of data gathering and description. Quality of selecting research tools and methods; data validity adequacy; adequacy of used data for chosen research tools and methods; completeness and relevance of the list of references.	5	4	3	2
Scientific aspect of the thesis. Independent scientific thinking in solving the set problem/objectives; the extent to which the student contributed to selecting and justifying the research model (conceptual and/or quantitative), developing methodology/approach to set objectives.	5	4	3	2
Practical/applied nature of research. Extent to which the theoretical background is related to the international or Russian managerial practice; development of applied recommendations; justification and interpretation of the empirical/applied results.	5	4	3	2
Quality of thesis layout. Layout fulfils the requirements of the Regulations for master thesis preparation and defense, correct layout of tables, figures, references.	5	4	3	2

Each item above is evaluated on the following scale, as applicable: 5 = the thesis meets all the requirements, 4 = the thesis meets almost all the requirements, 3 = a lot of the requirements are not met in the thesis, 2 = the thesis does not meet the requirements.
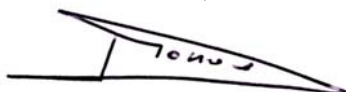
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Please, elaborate on the above mentioned criteria (we kindly ask you to provide your comments structured as strengths and weaknesses, maximum 5 for each, unless more points are crucial to justify the grade).

The aims of the thesis were defined quite accurate but not all of them were investigated to the demanded depth. The text is logically coherent and is perceived with interest. As for the methods used they mostly employ the retrospective data analysis while the environment changes are very dynamic that might be a good idea to think of usage of some kind of futures report approach. The theoretical background is related to the practice used in Russia. The layout of the thesis fully fulfils the requirements.

Master thesis of Salohiddin Rahmonov meets the requirements of the International Business program, and according to the reviewer's opinion deserves a/an *"good (C)"* grade, thus the author can be given the desired degree.

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