

Report on '**Measuring Real Value and Inflation**' by Claude Hillinger

In this paper the author attempts to develop a unified theory that encompasses axiomatic characterization and economic interpretation in the construction of an 'index'. It is shown that this unified theory implies a unique optimal measure, which is the 'Tornqvist index'.

The manuscript reads more like an essay rather than a technical paper. The exposition is clumsy. Too many issues have been addressed and from the present form it is hard to identify the actual contribution of the author amidst the lengthy critical survey of literature.

The paper needs to be considerably shortened and completely rewritten before it can be reviewed as a technical paper.