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Evaluation of the paper

“Welfare against growth gains in post-transition countries. What consequences for stability?” written by Maria Lissowska

It is an interesting and good written scientific paper showing the “welfare – growth” syndrome on the example of European post-transition countries in the first decade of the XXI century and in the context of the contemporary financial crisis. It is worth to be published because of its important subject and original data presenting the GDP, consumption, compensation, and employment protection in the post-transition countries in relation to the European Union standard. One can see the position and development of the post-transition countries now and what are their gains thanks to the EU accession. Maria Lissowska comments this data in relation to the contemporary financial crisis and looks for reasons of delayed and unequal growth of welfare as well as differences between labour productivity and labour costs. In result her article helps to understand the influence of living standards on economic growth and the feedback between welfare and economic growth as well as its universal and specific aspects. The example of European post-transition countries is a very good case study of this relation. In my opinion this paper written by Maria Lissowska is an excellent example of the scientific study with a good theoretical and empirical basis and what is to stress presented in an understandable language and form.

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