MASTER´S EXAMINER REPORT

GPS – Geopolitical Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Repercussions of Human Rights Violations in International Migration of Latin America, case study: Mexico as a migration corridor
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Referee *(incl. titles)*:	Malvína Krausz Hladká
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Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the four numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

1) **Contribution and argument** and **Theoretical and methodological framework**:

The topic chosen by the student is both highly relevant and timely, especially within the context of geopolitics and the program at our Faculty of Social Sciences. The focus on human rights violations in the migration corridor of Mexico is of great importance to understanding broader geopolitical dynamics in Latin America. This relevance is one of the strengths of the thesis, and the student's effort in addressing this subject is commendable. The logical structure of the thesis, with appropriately divided chapters and clear argumentation, adheres to the formal requirements of an MA thesis.

However, despite these positive aspects, the thesis has notable weaknesses. While the student has made significant efforts to improve the work in the final stages, the overall grasp of academic writing and the integration of necessary elements remain critical shortcomings. One of the main weaknesses lies in the methodological approach. Despite presenting a methodology in the introduction that includes a mixed-methods approach with both quantitative and qualitative data, this methodology is not sufficiently applied to enhance the research's main aim or its outcomes. The lack of depth in the methodology results in an overly descriptive thesis, with insufficient analytical rigor. Moreover, the thesis attempts to tackle too many objectives simultaneously, leading to a dilution of focus. This limits the originality of the research findings and undermines the potential for a more robust analysis.

Additionally, there are parts of the thesis that suffer from oversimplification. While the author demonstrates a good understanding of the research field and provides valuable information, certain sections lack the depth of argumentation and critical reflection necessary for an MA-level thesis. In conclusion, while the thesis covers an important and relevant topic, and the student has shown cooperation and commitment to improving the work, the methodological shortcomings and the lack of focus on original research limit the academic quality of the thesis. Nevertheless, I acknowledge the effort made and the substantial information provided.

3) Sources and literature: The thesis uses valid literature even Spanish language literature could be very beneficial. Citations are correctly done.
4) Manuscript form and structure: The structure and form of the thesis are good.
5) Quality of presentation: There are some minor language issues and problems with some formulations, but the text is well-legible and there is no issue with understanding it.

CATEGORY		POINTS
Contribution (research quality, analysis, and conclusions)	*(max. 40 points)*	25
Theoretical and methodological framework	*(max. 25 points)*	17
Sources and literature	*(max. 10 points)*	8
Manuscript form and structure	*(max. 15 points)*	13
Quality of presentation (grammar, style, coherence)	*(max. 10 points)*	8
TOTAL POINTS	*(max. 100 points)*	**71**
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)		**C**

Suggested questions for the defence are:

How would you see the possible impact of the upcoming US presidential election on the policy change in the agenda you describe?

I recommend the thesis for final defence.

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Referee Signature

Overall grading scheme at FSV UK:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	**A**	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	**B**	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	**C**	= good
61 – 70	**D**	= satisfactory
51 – 60	**E**	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	**F**	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.