ASSESSMENT
of Master Thesis
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THE POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN THE UNITED STATES
AND ITS EFFECTS ON POLICIES TOWARDS YOUNG
UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

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The thesis is focused on my favourite target group of migrants - undocumented minors. Particularly on those who came into the US as children, grew up there, graduated at high schools but than got stuck in desperate circumstances: due to their illegal situation they are isolated from better education and work and even endangered by feasible deportation from the US into their countries of origin, although they have spent most of their lives in their new homeland. Romulo carefully describes the significant proposals aimed at undocumented minors, introduced on both state and federal level, including the political debate in connection with the DREAM act in more details. He points out specifically the fact, that radical conservative political discourse creates enormous pressure on creation and implementation of appropriate and effective policies towards this vulnerable and disadvantaged group of young people.

I like the up-to-dateness and urgency of the topic and above all Romulo´s deep interest, enthusiasm and dedication to the issue. The subject of the thesis is very well researched, the outlines logical and well-arranged, the sources used are sufficient and suitable. Romulo created meaningful and helpful analysis. The thesis completely fulfilled the requirements given for high-quality academic paper.

Due to the reasons mentioned briefly above I suggest to grade the thesis as EXCELLENT (1).

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