Evaluation of the Master's Thesis Geopolitical Studies (GPS) Faculty of Social Sciences Charles University, Prague	
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Understanding complexity of problematic South America's path towards regional integration is important and very interesting topic to analyse. Recent political shift to the left and its Post Neoliberal tendencies are themes form many political scientist, from well known research centers who focuses on main driving factor towards integration in the region. The effort of student Celeste Flores, in this context, seems very beneficial and up to date. And this is the reason why presented thesis fulfills the basic criteria – the proper relevancy for the research - from methodological, theoretical and political perspectives.

Technical structure of the text is transparent: it starts with 2 historical chapters, where student prove her attempts to in-depth description, theoretical deliberation and analysis of the topic and present the methodology and structure that will be used. Topic itself is divided into four core chapters. The division in chapters is logical – defines integration initiatives as well as it stresses challenges of particular and the most progressive integration initiative - UNASUR organization.

All the chapters are divided into paragraphs in a correct manner. The argumentation is structured correctly and really easy to follow, so the thesis fulfills all the criteria set to M.A. program according to the standards of the Institute of Political Science.

Celeste Flores has formulated the research questions and hypothesis clearly and they were analyzed well and critically. Based on empirical research and a critical analysis of analysed aspects, this thesis researched the role and relevance of Post Neoliberalism, particularly in the light of the UNASUR. She has demonstrated knowledge of the research field and the conclusions of her thesis have showed author's ability to work with all kind of informative sources and literature but mainly her proficiency in this topic. Therefore, I propose to evaluate the thesis as **excellent**.

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