

## REPORT ON THE MASTER THESIS

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>Iran in Latin America: A Regional Perspective</b>
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### **SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED** (for details, see below):

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<i>Theoretical background (max. 20)</i>	15
<i>Contribution (max. 20)</i>	20
<i>Methods (max. 20)</i>	16
<i>Literature (max. 20)</i>	19
<i>Manuscript form (max. 20)</i>	18
<b>TOTAL POINTS (max. 100)</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>The proposed grade</b>	<b>B</b>

You can even use a decimal point (e.g. giving 15.5 or 16.5).

### **Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the 5 numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).**

#### **1) Theoretical background:**

Thesis starts with theoretical framework and literature overview where student prove his attempts to in-depth description, theoretical deliberation and analysis of the topic.

#### **2) Contribution:**

The extent, depth, and implications of Iran's actions from a Latin American perspective is an important and very interesting topic to analyse. Long standing relations of Latin America and Iran's interaction with Venezuela, Brazil, and Argentina are also a relevant theme for many political scientists. The contribution of the author, in this context, seems very beneficial and up to date.

Alonso Leon has demonstrated knowledge of the research field and his thesis have showed author's ability to work with all kind of informative sources and literature. As a rather weakness of the text I consider underestimated conclusion. Therefore, I propose to evaluate the thesis as good.

#### **3) Methods:**

Methodology is clearly stated as well as the hypotheses and research questions.

#### **4) Literature:**

Author quotes very extensive, relevant and recent literature which shows that the author has a profound knowledge of the literature, stats, data, documents, internet resources concerning the topic.

#### **5) Manuscript form:**

Technical structure of the text is transparent: it starts with theoretical part, theoretical deliberation and analysis of the topic and present the methodology and structure that will be used. Topic itself is analysed in 3 more chapters dedicated to each case study country. The division in chapters is logical, 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. Profitable supplements of the text are figures and tables that perfectly demonstrate the analyzed data.

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