

BACHELOR THESIS EVALUATION: THESIS ADVISOR

Thesis topic: Unveiling the Paradox: Bolsonaro's Openness to Venezuelan Refugees as a Challenge to the Narratives of Right-Wing Populism

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Criteria for the evaluation of the final thesis	Max. points	Points given by evaluator
1. Methodological aspect (logical frame, process of inquiry, topic specification, how realistic are set goals and how adequate are proposed working methods)	10	7
2. Sources of domestic and foreign literature, Familiarity with relevant literature	15	15
3. Formatting and style	15	15
4. Scope and proportionality of content	5	5
5. Systematic approach	15	15
6. Evaluation of achieved results	40	40
Total	100	97

Final evaluation: A (90-100 points), B (80-89 points), C (70-79 points), D (60-69 points), E (50-59 points), Fx(<49 points)

Evaluation, comments, recommendations of the thesis advisor:

The thesis entitled “Unveiling the Paradox: Bolsonaro's Openness to Venezuelan Refugees as a Challenge to the Narratives of Right-Wing Populism” presents a compelling and thought-provoking analysis of Jair Bolsonaro (and relevant figures close to him) discourse on Venezuelan migrants arriving and settling in Brazil during his government. She does so within the framework of the Copenhagen School of thought and their securitization theory.

The author's main argument is that Jair Bolsonaro deviates from the mainstream far-right anti-immigrant discourse by welcoming Venezuelan migrants. Her analysis suggests that he does so while at the same time securitizing the Brazilian left and by blaming left-wing policies to the migration crisis that unfollowed and the vulnerable position asylum seekers are faced with. According to her analysis, Jair Bolsonaro does so in order to profit, politically, from the securitization of the left as he sought reelection against Lula da Silva.

Her main argument is well-formulated, the theoretical framework is well-developed and applied, and she also provides a good literature review. All this demonstrated her deep understanding of the subject matter, her ability to conduct academic research independently,

and her great ability to articulate complex ideas. The methodological section would benefit from further explanation on how the data was coded and analyzed, but overall, the author did an excellent job.

I recommend – do not recommend this thesis toward bachelor thesis defense in June 2024.

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Signature of evaluator: _____