

Review

Of MA student's thesis work by Kirill Savinov on the topic: "**Contemporary strategies of foreign TNCs in Latin America**"

		Scores			
		High	Medium	Low	Unsatisfactory
		0,8-1	0,5-0,7	0,1-0,4	0
1.	Compliance with the thesis theme of 080,102 specialty (world economy), topical relevance of the study	1			
2.	Conception's authenticity, the author's own approach to the problem		0,7		
3.	Clarity of goals and objectives of the study		0,5		
4.	Scientific and practical significance of the study		0,7		
5.	Presence of authentic information collected and processed by the author	0,9			
6.	The author's relevant use of economic analysis methods		0,7		
7.	Theoretical background of the study	1			
8.	The scale of use of foreign sources by the author	1			
9.	The scale the author uses the studies issued by Economic Faculty of SPbSU	0,9			
10.	Degree of compliance with the University requirements for diploma works	0,9			
	Total score	8,3			

Scale of assessments, scores	
excellent (A)	8,5 – 10
very good (B)	7 – 8,4
good (C)	6 – 6,9
satisfactory (D)	5 – 5,9
low (E)	4 – 4,9
unsatisfactory (F)	< 3,9

After reviewing this paper following drawbacks should be mentioned:

1. In Chapter 1 the author gives broad description of TNCs, also from theoretical viewpoint, but this description contains no information about the impact of present-day global recession on multinationals.

2. Analyzing foreign investment flows in Latin America and the Caribbean (LA&C) in paragraph 2.2. on pp. 36-40 the author seems to make no difference between various type of these flows: those linked with actual investment into the economies of LA&C countries, namely Brazil, Argentina, etc., and those “transit” flows passing through the “tax harbours” such as British Virgin Islands or Cayman Islands.
3. Speaking about *maquiladoras* on p. 42 no reference to NAFTA is made, while emergence of this phenomenon is in many cases linked with this integration group, and Mexico’s participation in it. Only reference in this paragraph to NAFTA is on p. 43, citing: “establish new integration groups (e.g. NAFTA, Mercosur)”, which is irrelevant to the issue of *maquiladoras*.
4. Not enough attention is paid to TNC strategies as such, regardless of a fact that their investigation is in the aim and in the title of the paper.
5. Some mistakes of minor importance were found in this thesis work.

Nevertheless, the reviewed diploma thesis by Kirill Savinov is broadly in line with the University requirements for studies of this kind, and may be admitted to assessment; preliminary evaluation is **very good (B)**.

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