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| Topic to be presented | Model Choice of the Integration of South America |
| Abstract | |
| <p>There are two organizations related to the integration of South America: MERCOSUR and UNASUR. Now the South American integration process faces a complex dilemma. UNASUR has been in a state of suspension, while MERCOSUR has achieved little progress in recent years and encounters a tension between the need to deepen integration and the pursuit of individual trade agreements with countries outside the bloc.</p> <p>From the beginning, the South American nations have intended to copy the EU model, which has long been considered as the most developed model of regionalization, a model focusing on an internal integration and a supranational governance. In the past decade, the success of the ASEAN model, commonly referred to the “ASEAN way”, which is characterized by an open, flexible and inclusive approach to regional cooperation, has also caught much attention.</p> <p>This study will be conducted, from a comparative approach, to analyze on the features of the integration of these three regions. Based on the comparison, it will explore a discussion on how South American nations should choose their own model of integration.</p> <p>Key words: integration, regionalization, MERCOSUR, UNASUR, EU, ASEAN, European model of integration, ASEAN way</p> | |