

Abstract

The objective of the thesis „*Democracy, Indigenous People and Pachamama: Analysis of the discourses of Rafael Correa and Lenín Moreno between 2007 and 2021*“ is to study and analyze speeches by both presidents of the Republic of Ecuador to perform a comparative analysis, and find similarities and differences between the political discourse of both presidents, both substantive and rhetorical.

The analyzed areas/fields are: conceptualization of democracy, role of the political opposition, role of the indigenous population and environmental discourse. In the case of Rafael Correa, the significant speeches in the period from 2007 to 2016 are analyzed; in the case of Lenín Moreno, his speeches between 2017 and 2021. The speeches are analyzed mainly from the rhetorical-argumentative point of view, especially the ideological characteristics of the speeches of both presidents between 2007 and 2021. In the practical part, discourse analysis is used and the analyzed excerpts from the speeches are interpreted. The attention is also paid to some key concepts and phenomena of the Ecuadorian politics and it is analyzed how the both presidents approach these concepts.

Based on an analysis of the presidents ' speeches, it was concluded that Lenín Moreno was moving away from the politics and authoritarian style of his predecessor, Rafael Correa. This change is due to an overall internal global change in Latin American politics during the 20' s of the 21st century.

Key words

Rafael Correa, Lenín Moreno, Democracy, Opposition, Indigenous People, Extractivism, Speech