

Evaluation of COVID-19 measures in MERCOSUR member states

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The COVID-19 pandemic and the related political and economic crisis had serious negative effects on MERCOSUR member states, including Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay. This political entity within the Latin American region gives a solid base for comparison regarding governments' policy responses. The study aims to examine the measures introduced by the governments concerned to ease the crisis both from a quantitative and qualitative aspect. First, a brief overview will be given on the health, political and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the countries examined, then the exact measures will be analyzed based on international databases from a quantitative aspect. Later, country profiles will be drawn and the role of MERCOSUR in finding a common response to handle the effects of the pandemic will be discussed. The main expected results of the research are as follows. Based on the analysis of the legislative measures and communications, the evaluation of the actors concerned (governments) will be established. This will be supplemented with the possible implications of the research for the future decision-makers to learn from the way how the crisis in these countries was treated or mistreated.

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