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**FEATURING**

Steve Ellner, Universidad de Oriente, Venezuela  
*The Models of Radical Democracy & Social-Based Democracy in the Venezuela of Hugo Chávez*

Daniel Levine, University of Michigan  
*The Logic of Bolivarian Democracy*

Ángel E. Álvarez, Notre Dame University, Universidad Central de Venezuela  
*Electoral Authoritarianism and Dilemmas of the Opposition Parties*

Manuel Alcántara, Universidad de Salamanca, Spain  
*Venezuela’s 2010 Legislative Elections in Comparative Perspective*

Margarita Lopez Maya, Universidad Central de Venezuela  
*Venezuela’s Populism and Its Tendencies*

Michael Albertus, Stanford University  
*A Revolution for Whom? Measuring Political Bias in the Venezuelan Land Reform Using Maisanta*

Noam Lupu, Princeton University  
*The Changing Chavista Electoral Coalition*

Jennifer McCoy, Georgia State University  
*Role of the Media in a Polarized Society*

Eugenio Hernández Bretón, Universidad Monteavila Law School, Venezuela  
*The Government’s (Tense) Relationship with the Academic and Professional Sectors*

María Teresa Romero, Universidad Central de Venezuela  
*The Radicalization of Venezuelan Foreign Policy: Current Developments & Perspectives for the Coming Years*

Daniel Hellinger, College of Wooster  
*“Socioilsm in Venezuela:” A Look at the Advantages & Disadvantages of Oil for Construction of Socialism*

Javier Corrales, Amherst College  
*Varieties of Statism: Oil Policies (and Outcomes) in Venezuela and Brazil Compared*

Daniel Smilde, University of Georgia  
*Venezuela’s Actually Existing Socialism*

Ángel Eduardo Cárdenas, University of Toronto  
*Venezuela and the Global Recession*

Mark Weisbrot, Center for Economic Policy and Research, Washington  
*TBA, Paper on Venezuela’s Economy*

José Manuel Puente, Instituto de Estudios Superiores Administrativos, Venezuela  
*The Venezuelan Economy and Oil Rentism*

Michael Coppedge, University of Notre Dame  
*Closing Remarks*

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