A dozen different Latin American countries have elected a left-of-center president since the late 1990s, and many of these presidents and their parties have achieved multiple re-elections. In recent years, however, these governments have confronted new political and economic challenges, ranging from the end of the commodity boom to corruption scandals, social protest, and the rise of new conservative challengers. This workshop and public symposium will explore these challenges and assess their implications for the region’s leftist governments and their reformist legacies.

This open forum will feature a discussion by Cathy Conaghan (Professor of Political Science, Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada), Aaron Schneider (Professor of International Studies, University of Denver, Colorado), Eric Hershberg (Director of Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, Washington, DC.), Maria Pilar Garcia (Professor of Political Science, Universidad Simón Bolivar, Caracas, Venezuela), Kenneth Roberts (Cornell University and Tulane Visiting Richard E. Greenleaf Scholar), and Eduardo Silva (Professor of Political Science, Tulane University).

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