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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
“Socioism 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

David 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 DC
Venezuela: Growth, Recession, and Recovery

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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