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Books in Brief

The editorial office has received a number of edited volumes that will be of interest to our readership. To introduce these works, we occasionally list in this section the publication information and tables of contents entries. The six volumes selected for this issue examine populism, popular politics, and the left in Latin America, with an emphasis on recent work concerning Hugo Chávez in Venezuela.

Venezuela before Chávez: Anatomy of an Economic Collapse. Edited by Ricardo Hausmann and Francisco Rodríguez. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2014. Pp. vii, 468. $102.00 cloth.

Introduction
Ricardo Hausmann and Francisco Rodríguez

Why Did Venezuelan Growth Collapse?
Ricardo Hausmann and Francisco Rodríguez

Venezuela after a Century of Oil Exploitation
Osmel Manzano

Public Investment and Productivity Growth in the Venezuelan Manufacturing Industry
José Pineda and Francisco Rodríguez

The Incidence of Labor Market Reforms on Employment in the Venezuelan Manufacturing Sector, 1995–2001
Omar Bello and Adriana Bermúdez

Understanding Economic Growth in Venezuela, 1970–2005: The Real Effects of a Financial Collapse
Matías Braun

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Much Higher Schooling, Much Lower Wages: Human Capital and Economic Collapse in Venezuela
Daniel Ortega and Lant Pritchett

Income Distribution and Redistribution in Venezuela
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Competing for Jobs or Creating Jobs? The Impact of Immigration on Native-Born Unemployment in Venezuela, 1980–2003
Dan Levy and Dean Yang

Sleeping in the Bed One Makes: The Venezuelan Fiscal Policy Response to the Oil Boom
María Antonia Moreno and Cameron A. Shelton

Institutional Collapse: The Rise and Decline of Democratic Governance in Venezuela
Francisco Monaldi and Michael Penfold

The Political Economy of Industrial Policy in Venezuela
Jonathan Di John

Explaining Chavismo: The Unexpected Alliance of Radical Leftists and the Military in Venezuela under Hugo Chávez
Javier Corrales

Oil, Macro Volatility, and Crime in the Determination of Beliefs in Venezuela
Rafael Di Tella, Javier Donna, and Robert MacCulloch

Understanding the Collapse: Venezuela's Experience in Cross-National Perspective

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Reorganizing Popular Politics: Participation and the New Interest Regime in Latin America. Edited by Ruth Berins Collier and Samuel Handlin. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2009. Pp. x, 394. $65.00 cloth, $30.00 paper.

PART I. INTEREST POLITICS AND THE POPULAR SECTORS

Popular Representation in the Interest Arena
Ruth Berins Collier and Samuel Handlin

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Situating the Analysis: Analytic Approach, Cases, and Historical Context.
Ruth Berins Collier and Samuel Handlin

Logics of Collective Action, State Linkages, and Aggregate Traits: The UP-Hub versus the A-Net
Ruth Berins Collier and Samuel Handlin

PART II. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE INTEREST ARENA

Direct Action and Associational Participation: Problem-Solving Repertoires of Individuals
Thad Dunning

Political Participation and Representational Distortion: The Nexus between Associationalism and Partisan Politics
Jason Seawright

PART III. THE POPULAR-SECTOR INTEREST REGIME

Targeting State and Society: Strategic Repertoires of Associations
Diana Kapiszewski

Three Forms of Scaling: Embeddedness, Nodal NGOs, and Flexible Fronts
Samuel Handlin and Diana Kapiszewski

Associational Linkages to Labor Unions and Political Parties
Candelaria Garay

PART IV. CONCLUSION

General Patterns and Emergent Differences
Samuel Handlin and Ruth Berins Collier

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Latin American Populism in the Twenty-First Century. Edited by Carlos de la Torre and Cynthia J. Arnson. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013. Pp. xii, 398. $30.00 paper.

Introduction: The Evolution of Latin American Populism and the Debates over its Meaning
Carlos de la Torre and Cynthia J. Arnson

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Parties and Populism in Latin America
Kenneth M. Roberts

Populism in Democratic Times: Populism, Representative Democracy, and the Debate on Democratic Deepening
Enrique Peruzzotti

What Do We Mean When We Talk About Populism?
Francisco Panizza

Populism and Social Policy in Latin America
Kurt Weyland

From the Peróns to the Kirchners: "Populism" in Argentine Politics
Hector E. Schamis

Populism, Neopopulism, and the Left in Brazil: From Getúlio to Lula
Leslie Bethell

Populism in Peru: From APRA to Ollanta Humala
Cynthia McClintock

Populism, Rentierism, and Socialism in the Twenty-First Century: The Case of Venezuela
Margarita López Maya and Alexandra Panzarelli

From the MNR to the MAS: Populism, Parties, The State, and Social Movements in Bolivia since 1952
John Crabtree

Rafael Correa and His Plebiscitary Citizens' Revolution
César Montúfar

Politicizing Insecurity: Uribe's Instrumental Use of Populism
Ana María Bejarano

Conclusion: The Meaning and Future of Latin American Populism
Cynthia J. Arnson and Carlos de la Torre

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Dragon in the Tropics: Venezuela and the Legacy of Hugo Chávez. 2nd ed. By Carlos Javier Corrales and Michael Penfold. Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2015. Pp. 254. $27.00 paper.

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Introduction: The Chávez Revolution in Perspective

Power Grabbing and the Rise of a Hybrid Regime in Venezuela, 1999–2009

Economic Policy and the Oil Honey Pot

Institutional Resource Curse: Seizing Political Control of PDVSA

Venezuela's New Foreign Policy: Soft-Balancing and Social-Power Diplomacy

Hybrid Regimes and Populism in Comparative Perspective

Dragon No More: The Politics of Succession—Linkages Abroad and Factional Struggles at Home

The *Less* Competitive *More* Authoritarian Regime

Conclusion: Hybrid Regimes and Regime Change

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Militantes, intelectuales y revolucionarios: ensayos sobre marxismo e izquierda en América Latina. Edited by Carlos Aguirre. Raleigh: Editorial A Contracorriente, 2013. Pp. 495. $26.00 paper.

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Carlos Aguirre

PART I. LA IZQUIERDA LATINOAMERICANA, DE LA COMINTERN AL SOCIALISMO DEL SIGLO XXI

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Comprometidos, orgánicos y expertos: intelectuales, marxismo y ciencias sociales en Argentina (1955–1973)
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Carlos Aguirre

La traducción como búsqueda de un marxismo latinoamericano. La trayectoria intelectual de José Aricó
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PART III. EL MARXISMO Y LA VASINOES DEL PASADO LATINOAMERICANO

¿Qué historias serán las nuestras? Visiones del pasado y tradiciones nacionales en el Partido Comunista Argentino (ca. 1925–1950)
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La influencia del marxismo en la historiografía costarricense
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Michael Goebel

Cuban Historiography in the 1960s: Revisionists, Revolutionaries, and the Nationalist Past
Kate Quinn

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Latin America in the Post-Chávez Era: The Security Threat to the United States. By Luis Fleischman. Sterling: Potomac Books, 2013. Pp. xxvi, 276. $29.95 cloth.

What Triggered the Revolutionary Forces in Latin America?

The Origins of the Chávez (Bolivarian) Revolution

The Continental Expansion of the Chávez Revolution

The Emergence of Indigenous and New Grassroots Movements in Latin America

Chávez's Dangerous Liaisons with Guerillas and Drug Cartels

The Bolivarian Revolution's Links to Iran and Hezbollah

The Roles of China and Russia

Regional and U.S. Reactions to the Bolivarian Revolution

Halting the Advance of the Bolivarian Revolution and Its Allies

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