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Yale to Host International Conference on U.S. Democracy Promotion Policies in Latin America

April 4, 2006. New Haven, CT - On April 7 and 8, Yale University will host a conference, "In the Name of Democracy: US Electoral Intervention in the Americas." It will bring together academics and policy experts to examine the U.S. government's controversial policies to promote democracy in Latin America in the context of the many Latin American presidential elections taking place in 2006. Conference activities will be held at Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511.

Panelists will include the International Republican Institute's Regional Program Director for Latin America and the Caribbean Brian Dean, Executive Director of Latinobarómetro Marta Lagos, The Carter Center's Americas Program Director Jennifer McCoy, Executive Secretary of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences Atilio Boron, and award-winning journalist and author Naomi Klein.

Panel discussions will evaluate the U.S. government's democracy promotion efforts in the Americas; examine the relationship between globalization and democracy across the region; and assess the role of NGOs, civil society organizations, and transnational institutions in democracy promotion.

Sponsoring the Conference are the Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights at the Yale Law School, the Office of the Secretary's Woodward Lectureship, the Gaddis Smith Seminar Series of the International Affairs Council, the Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund, the Dean's Fund for Graduate-Organized Symposia at the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Political Science at Yale University.

To request a press packet with a detailed agenda and list of panelists, please contact Barry King at (617) 308-2757 or by e-mail at barry.king@yale.edu.

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