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Daniel Hellinger is Professor of Political Science at Webster University in St. Louis, where he also directs the International Relations Program.

His publications include *Venezuelan Politics in the Age of Chávez*, (co-edited, Lynne Rienner and Nueva Sociedad, 2003); *Venezuela: Tarnished Democracy* (Westview, 1991); and *The Democratic Facade* (Wadsworth, 1989, 1991) on U.S. politics. His future publications include *Democracy at Last* textbook and *Participation, the State and Civil Society in Venezuela* co-edited book. He has also published numerous scholarly articles on Latin American politics.

Hellinger is currently working on a comparative study of Venezuelan oil and Chilean copper policy, as well as a textbook for Prentice Hall.

He has numerous awards such as the Fulbright (Chile 1991); NEH fellowship (1994); Senior Visiting Associate of St. Antony's College, Oxford (1997); past visiting professor, Universidad Central de Venezuela, and Samara University, Russia; and the St. Louis Association of Black Journalists award (1994).

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### Lecture Abstract

President Hugo Chávez has made it his goal to create "21st Century Socialism" in Venezuela. Critics and sympathizers alike wonder just what the president means by this phrase. Chávez has resisted any sweeping definition but made clear that socialism in Venezuela would be founded upon participatory democracy, solidaristic relations of production, and mixed, innovative forms of property.

This presentation explores the limits and possibilities for construction of such a system by examining the advantages and disadvantages posed by dependence on oil exports and by Venezuelan political culture. Hellinger will draw upon his ongoing research on popular attitudes about democracy, debates within the *chavista* community on the Internet, and on the political economy of Venezuela as a petrostate.

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