



The State of Democracy and Authoritarianism in Mexico after the 2012 Presidential Elections

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*Deconsolidating Authoritarianism:
Learning from Mexico's Failed Transition*

An open reception will follow afterward.

LORENZO MEYER

*Mexico:
Democratic Authoritarianism*



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Lorenzo Meyer is a professor as well as columnist in leading national and local newspapers. He also is a commentator in TV and radio. He graduated from El Colegio de México where he obtained a B.A. and a Ph.D. in International Relations in 1966; later he pursued postdoctoral studies in Political Science at the University of Chicago. He is author of several books on the history of the political relations of Mexico with the United States, England and Spain as well as on the political and social history of Mexico during the 20th Century. Among his most important publications on the subject are: *México y los Estados Unidos en el conflicto petrolero* (Mexico and the United States in the oil controversy, 1917-1942); *Su Majestad Británica contra la Revolución Mexicana* (His British Majesty against the Mexican Revolution) and *El cactus y el olivo*. *Las relaciones de México y España en el siglo XX*, (The cactus and the olive tree. The relationship between Mexico and Spain in the 20th century). Meyer has a long trajectory as university professor in Mexico, the United States, and Spain and has received several national prizes, among others, the prize from the Mexican Academy of Science, the National Press Award and the National Prize of Sciences and Arts.