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*Dinner and lunch will be hosted for alumni, majors, concentrators, faculty and special guests of the Latin American Studies Program at Carleton College.

Please RSVP for dinner and/or lunch to Mary Tatge at mtatge@carleton.edu or at 507-222-4252 by April 9, 2018.

For further questions, contact this year’s Foro Latinoamericano organizer, Professor Alfred Montero (amontero@carleton.edu or x4085).

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and capitalism. Finally, we will apply the experiences of populism in advanced capitalist countries to inform our understanding of how populism is evolving in Latin America. As a historian and PhD in Social Sciences of the Universidad Central de Venezuela, Margarita López-Mayo is a Senior Professor-Researcher of the Center for Development Studies (CENDES) at the Universidad Central and member of the Center of Political Studies of Universidad Católica Andrés Bello. She has been editor of Revista Venezolana de Economía y Ciencias Sociales and on the Board of the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO). Her work has been recognized as an important expert in Modern Venezuelan History, especially of the Chavista Era. Among her publications: ‘Venezuela: Del Viernes Negro al Referendo Revocatorio’ [From Black Friday to the Presidential Recall] (Grupo Alfa, 2005), ‘Editor of Ideas para construir el socialismo del siglo XXI’ [Ideas to build Socialism of the 21st Century] (Grupo Alfa, 2010 y 2011), ‘Democracia Participativa en Venezuela. Orígenes, leyes, percepciones y desafíos’ [Participative Democracy in Venezuela. Origins, laws, perceptions and challenges] (Centro Gumilla, 2011), ‘El Estado Descomunal’ [The Political Crisis of Postchavism] (Social Justice, 2014) & ‘El ocaso del chavismo. Venezuela 2005-2015’ [The Sunset of Chavism. Venezuela 2005-2015] (Caracas, Grupo Alfa, 2016).

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Each year, students, faculty and alumni of the Latin American Studies Program convene to share in an academic experience that brings to the Foro and to campus a major topic, event, and country of Latin America. Originally designed as a capstone experience for the students of the program, we have expanded the Foro to include our alumni and the program’s entire faculty in order to give it a truly communal sense. The Foro will also provide the Carleton community at large with the opportunity to participate in a major event involving Latin America.

This year the Foro explores the phenomenon of populism in Latin America. We ask if the concept, which has been applied extensively in recent months to political movements, parties, and leaders in Europe, the United States, South and Southeast Asia, retains its analytical usefulness in comparative perspective. Specifically, is the U.S., where the phenomenon originated in its modern form during the late 19th century, a case that can be informed by the experience of populism in Latin America. We also turn to specific cases of populism in Latin America, and particularly Venezuela, where the chavista experiment has tested the limits of whether populism can coexist with liberal democracy while retaining elements of socialism and capitalism. Finally, we will apply the experiences of populism in advanced capitalist countries to inform our understanding of how populism is evolving in Latin America.