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### American Enterprise Institute

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### AS/COA

#### **Explainer: Iran's Relationship with Latin America**

Amid the U.S.-Israeli conflict with Iran, who are Tehran's allies in the region? And which countries might be hurt by disrupted trade?

Chase Harrison

April 1, 2026

<https://www.as-coa.org/articles/explainer-irans-relationship-latin-america>

Explainers

#### **U.S.-Ecuador Agreement on Reciprocal Trade: What to Know**

The deal, signed in March, marks the first bilateral trade agreement between the two countries.

What does it cover?

Isabel Teran

March 25, 2026

<https://www.as-coa.org/articles/us-ecuador-agreement-reciprocal-trade-what-know>

## Americas Quarterly

Venezuela

### **Venezuela's Economy Is Accelerating, But Will Depend on More Than Oil**

Pending reforms will determine whether momentum is sustainable under interim President Delcy Rodríguez.

By Asdrúbal Oliveros

April 6, 2026

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/article/venezuelas-economy-is-accelerating-but-will-depend-on-more-than-oil/>

Brazil

### **Brazil's Gangs in Trump's Crosshairs**

The possible designation of Brazil's PCC and CV as foreign terrorist organizations would carry consequences for banks, companies and politics.

By Robert Muggah

April 1, 2026

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/article/brazils-gangs-in-trumps-crosshairs/>

Guatemala

### **In Arévalo's Guatemala, It's Not "Spring" Quite Yet**

The center-left president's approval has fallen to 35% amid disappointment with public security and infrastructure.

By José Enrique Arriola

March 30, 2026

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/article/in-arevalos-guatemala-its-not-spring-quite-yet/>

Colombia

### **The Resurgence of Gustavo Petro and the Colombian Left**

Colombia's president has seen his popularity rise, increasing the odds that the left could win May's presidential election.

By Will Freeman

March 26, 2026

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/article/the-resurgence-of-gustavo-petro-and-the-colombian-left/>

Latin America

### **How "Centralism" Is Undermining Democracy in Latin America**

Power in several countries is shifting away from mayors and governors, even though they are closest to many day-to-day issues.

By Eugene Zapata-Garesché

March 24, 2026

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/article/how-centralism-is-undermining-democracy-in-latin-america/>

Venezuela

### **How Can Venezuela's Opposition Regain Momentum?**

Political organizations plan to reactivate the Democratic Unitary Platform. However, the most delicate challenge may be Machado's return.

By Omar Lugo

March 18, 2026

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/article/how-can-venezuelas-opposition-regain-momentum/>

Mexico

### **Mexico Still Has a China Problem**

Strategic ambiguity no longer works in an era of geoeconomic pressure, two experts write.

By Brenda Estefan and José Carlos Rodríguez Pueblita

March 16, 2026

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/article/mexico-china-strategy/>

## **Atlantic Council**

Freedom and Prosperity Around the World

### **How the Dominican Republic can escape the 'middle-income trap'**

Over three decades, the Dominican Republic has consolidated stable electoral competition and built a diversified, open economy delivering the fastest GDP growth in Latin America. To escape the middle-income trap, the country must now confront deferred structural reforms—especially in education, institutional effectiveness, and fiscal capacity—turning stability into sustained convergence.

By Marino Auffant

Mar 30, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/report/how-the-dominican-republic-can-escape-the-middle-income-trap/>

Issue Brief

### **After Maduro: Latin America's policy community reassesses the US-China balance**

The US capture of Maduro has significant implications for China's position in the region. Although Venezuela has been a frustrating partner for China, Beijing has repeatedly stressed its commitment to the bilateral relationship.

By Santiago Villa, Thayz Guimarães, Parsifal D'Sola

Mar 26, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/after-maduro-latin-americas-policy-community-reassesses-the-us-china-balance/>

Dispatches

**Will Trump focus on Nicaragua next after Venezuela and Cuba?**

If it wants to help foster a more economically integrated Central America, the United States will need to address Nicaragua's authoritarianism and transnational repression.

By María Fernanda Bozmoski

Mar 24, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/dispatches/will-trump-focus-on-nicaragua-next-after-venezuela-and-cuba/>

**Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)**

Opini3n CIDOB n3\_879

**El «corolario Trump» quiere controlar los recursos y la pol3tica de Am3rica Latina. No hay garant3as de que tenga 3xito**

Mariano Aguirre Ernst

03/2026

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**Brookings Institution**

Research Report

**Learning what matters in Peru**

When communities align: Shared priorities and educational transformation in Peru

Valeria Duarte, Claudia Hui, Modupe (Mo) Olateju, and Rachel Dyl

March 27, 2026

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Testimony

**Tackling Chinese criminal networks in Latin America**

Vanda Felbab-Brown

March 20, 2026

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## Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Paper

### **Right-Wing Populism and Strategic Realignment: Argentina's Milei Experiment**

Argentina's president blends libertarian populism with leader-centric diplomacy, transnational right-wing networks, and selective disengagement from multilateral institutions.

Federico Merke

April 6, 2026

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<https://assets.carnegieendowment.org/files/Merke-Argentina%20Populism.pdf>

## CATO

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## Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)

Article

### **Producing Scarcity: Sanctions on the Venezuelan Central Bank**

By Andrés Arauz, Michael Galant

Apr 3, 2026

<https://cepr.net/publications/producing-scarcity-sanctions-on-the-venezuelan-central-bank/>

## Center for Global Development

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## Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Commentary

### **Fortifying the Guatemala-Taiwan Partnership for Development**

by Ryan C. Berg and Henry Ziemer

March 24, 2026

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/fortifying-guatemala-taiwan-partnership-development>

Congressional Testimony

### **China's Expanding Interests in Latin America: Development, Leverage, Coercion, and Crime**

To counter China's port strategy in Latin America and the Caribbean, the United States must treat infrastructure as strategic competition. Beijing's investments lock in influence, shape supply chains, and create economic leverage—demanding a stronger U.S. response.

Henry Ziemer  
March 19, 2026  
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## Centro de Estudos de Integração e Desenvolvimento (CINDES)

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## Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais (CEBRI)

Event Report  
**Sanctions, Conflicts, and Security Policy: Challenges and Opportunities for Brazilian Companies**  
March 2026  
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## Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL)

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**SDG 2. Zero hunger. Progress in Latin America and the Caribbean up to 2024**  
16 Mar 2026  
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## Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales

Artículos de opinión  
**El dilema de la desigualdad. Respuesta al Informe Stiglitz en el G20/2025**  
Por Federico Pinedo.

31/03/2026

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Artículos de opinión

**Argentina: defensa revisionista en el Atlántico Sur y el poder militar de los Estados Unidos de América**

Por Ezequiel Magnani.

26/03/2026

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Documentos de trabajo

**El comercio agroalimentario con China. Oportunidades y desafíos para la estrategia competitiva y de crecimiento de Argentina**

Por Nelson Illescas, Marcelo Regúnaga, Jimena Vicentin Masaro.

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**El rol (inter)nacional de las provincias argentinas en la transición ecológica**

Por Claudio Javier Lutzky.

19/03/2026

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## **Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)**

**Trump's 'Maximum Pressure' Campaign on Cuba, Explained**

The Trump administration has tightened sanctions and restricted oil shipments to Cuba. The moves are part of a broader pressure campaign aimed at driving significant economic and political change on the communist-led island.

Diana Roy

March 31, 2026

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/trumps-maximum-pressure-campaign-on-cuba-explained>

Expert Take

**The Donroe Doctrine Leans on Sticks But Needs Carrots**

Shannon K. O'Neil

March 27, 2026

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/the-donroe-doctrine-leans-on-sticks-but-needs-carrots>

### **Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA)**

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### **Deutsche Bank Research**

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### **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung**

#### **Transiciones posibles de la guerra y la paz en Colombia a casi una década del Acuerdo de paz**

Niño Guarnizo, Catalina (Hrsg.) ; Tolosa Bello, Saruy (Hrsg.)

Marzo 2026

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### **Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit (FNS)**

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### **German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)**

GIGA Focus Lateinamerika

#### **Europe's Quest for Critical Raw Materials in Latin America**

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Detlef Nolte

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## **Autonomy and Its Limits: Brazil's Response to Trump's Threats**

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Tomas Costa de Azevedo Marques; Filipe Almeida do Prado Mendonça

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## **Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung (HSS)**

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## **Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung**

Analyse

### **Große Risiken, wenig Nickel: Europas Rohstoffwette in Brasilien wackelt**

Die EU setzt bei der Sicherung von Nickel auf eine stillgelegte Raffinerie in Brasilien, die von einem angeschlagenen Unternehmen mit beunruhigender Umweltbilanz betrieben wird. Strategische Rohstoffprojekte brauchen glaubwürdigere Auswahlkriterien.

Maurício Angelo

20. März 2026

<https://www.boell.de/de/2026/03/20/grosse-risiken-wenig-nickel-europas-rohstoffwette-brasilien-wackelt>

Kommentar

### **Argentinien: Wie die Regierung unter Milei die Frauen- und Diversitätspolitik zerstört**

Unter Präsident Javier Milei vollzieht Argentinien als einstiges Vorreiterland der Gleichstellung eine radikale Kehrtwende – und wird zum Symbol eines globalen Rückschlags im Kampf um Menschen- und Genderrechte.

Pate Palero, Rocío García Garro

13. März 2026

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## **The Heritage Foundation**

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## **Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (PRIF)**

### **Major Non-NATO Ally Status: The Politics of Security Norms**

Ben Aharon, Eldad (2026): Major Non-NATO Ally Status: The Politics of Security Norms, PRIF Working Paper, 72, Frankfurt/M.

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Castillo Bennett, N., 2026. **La Vida Simple (Simple Life): A Maroon Vision on Development**, Mecila Working Papers, Mecila Working Papers. The Maria Sibylla Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila), São Paulo

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### Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

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### Inter-American Dialogue

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### International Crisis Group

Commentary

#### **The Venezuela Paradigm: Is Trump's Model Intervention a Mirage?**

The startling U.S. seizure of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife for transfer to a U.S. jail has emboldened the Trump administration to flex its military muscle elsewhere. But in Venezuela itself the medium- and long-term consequences of the U.S. action remain uncertain.

Phil Gunson

27 March 2026

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/cmt/latin-america-caribbean/venezuela/venezuela-paradigm-trumps-model-intervention-mirage>

Commentary

### **Colombia's Polls Mark a Forking Path in Peace Talks**

With a presidential vote approaching, prospects for continued dialogue with armed groups to curb Colombia's conflict are uncertain. In this excerpt from the Watch List 2026 – Spring Edition, Crisis Group shows how the EU and member states can help bolster peace and counter organised crime. 25 March 2026

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/cmt/latin-america-caribbean/colombia/colombias-polls-mark-forking-path-peace-talks>

### **International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)**

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### **Kellogg Institute for International Studies**

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### **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung**

Análisis

#### **¿Hacia dónde van las elecciones en el Perú?**

Keiko Fujimori lidera la intención de voto para este domingo 12 de abril, aunque el escenario de intensa fragmentación sugiere que la Presidencia pueda definirse en segunda vuelta el 7 de junio. El Congreso sí cambiará con el regreso a la bicameralidad.

Por: Redacción

7 Abr, 2026

<https://dialogopolitico.org/agenda/analisis/elecciones-peru-2026/>

Länderberichte

#### **Der Krieg im Iran - Folgen für Lateinamerika**

Wirtschaftliche Konsequenzen und politische Reaktionen in Lateinamerika

von Johannes Hügel, Olaf Jacob, Susanne Käss, Annette Schwarzbauer, Dr. Kristin Wesemann, Dr. Patricia Enssle, Christoph Kleiber

1. April 2026

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Análisis

### ¿Hacia dónde se mueve el ELN?

Con superficie expandida, nuevas alianzas e impacto en la política regional entre Colombia, Venezuela y Ecuador, la organización mantiene su capacidad militar y control territorial mientras intenta proyectarse como un actor político en el debate público.

Por: Andrea Valdelamar

30 Mar, 2026

<https://dialogopolitico.org/agenda/analisis/proyeccion-eln/>

### Opinión

#### **Bolsonaro versus Lula y los cambios en la carrera presidencial en Brasil**

Una nueva encuesta revela el empate técnico entre el presidente brasileño y el principal candidato de la derecha, ¿de dónde viene la fuerza bolsonarista?

Por: Antônio Mariano

27 Mar, 2026

<https://dialogopolitico.org/agenda/bolsonaro-versus-lula/>

### Análisis

#### **De Ormuz al Amazonas: cómo se posiciona Sudamérica en el tablero petrolero**

Los exportadores de crudo tienen la oportunidad de consolidar su relevancia geopolítica, apoyados en reservas abundantes, estabilidad y capacidad de ampliar la producción. Al mismo tiempo, un barril persistentemente caro trasladará a los importadores un mayor costo de la energía.

Por: Víctor Salmerón

26 Mar, 2026

<https://dialogopolitico.org/agenda/analisis/ormuz-al-amazonas-sudamerica-petroleo/>

### Opinión

#### **Ecuador: del Plan Fénix al Escudo de las Américas**

La política de seguridad ecuatoriana atraviesa un giro estratégico: del combate interno al narcotráfico a su inserción en una arquitectura hemisférica de seguridad. El cambio redefine la relación con Estados Unidos y plantea nuevos dilemas institucionales para el Estado.

Por: Matías Abad Merchán

23 Mar, 2026

<https://dialogopolitico.org/agenda/opinion-agenda/ecuador-seguridad-estados-unidos/>

## NACLA

### News & Analysis

#### **From Hope to Uncertainty: Venezuelans in Far-Right Chile**

In January, Venezuelans in Chile briefly celebrated the fall of Nicolás Maduro, but many now fear a harsher climate for migrants as the country shifts to the right.

Peter Barker

April 1, 2026

<https://nacla.org/from-hope-to-uncertainty-venezuelans-in-far-right-chile/>

News & Analysis

### **Milei's War against the Working Class**

Argentina's sweeping labor reform, heavily resisted in the streets, is set to roll back nearly a century of hard-fought rights.

Juan Cruz Ferre and Cecilia Garcilazo

March 26, 2026

<https://nacla.org/mileis-war-against-the-working-class/>

News & Analysis

### **Gang Violence and the Defense of Impunity in Guatemala**

The Barrio 18's January attacks sought to destabilize the country to benefit well-connected political elites who have challenged the government of President Bernardo Arévalo.

Simon Granovsky-Larsen and Samuel Noriega

March 16, 2026

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## **Real Instituto Elcano**

Podcast

### **Cuba, ¿al borde del cambio? – 6X12**

En el 12º episodio de la 6ª temporada de Conversaciones Elcano charlamos con Carlos Malamud sobre la crisis en Cuba y los posibles escenarios de futuro.

Fernando Gijón Torres, Blanca González, Carlos Malamud

27 Mar 2026

<https://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/podcast/cuba-al-borde-del-cambio-6x12/>

## **Woodrow Wilson Center**

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## **Sonstiges**

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## **Bundestag: Beratungsabläufe zu Lateinamerika / Karibik**

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