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"Latin America, Varieties of Capitalism, and the Comparative Study of Populism"

This talk will place the study of Latin American populism in a broader comparative perspective with the U.S. and Europe. Latin America's mode of capitalist development, characterized by dualistic labor markets and segmented welfare states, makes the region prone to leftist or "inclusionary" forms of populist mobilization that aim at the integration of subaltern sectors of the national community. The Latin American pattern finds some parallels in Southern Europe, but it sharply contrasts with the more "exclusionary" forms of populism found elsewhere in Europe and the U.S. under different modes of capitalist development.