



October 29, 2008

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to a special breakfast discussion on “Politics in Bolivia: Past and Present,” to be held at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW) on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 to 10:00 am.

*John Crabtree*, research associate at the Centre for Latin American Studies at Oxford University, and *Laurence Whitehead*, Official Fellow in Politics at Nuffield College at Oxford University, will be the featured speakers. They are the co-editors of *Unresolved Tensions: Bolivia Past and Present*, a new volume from Pittsburgh University Press, copies of which will be available for purchase at the session.

Crabtree and Whitehead will review longstanding issues that have shaped Bolivia’s social and political landscape, including ethnic and regional fissures as well as disputes about the distribution of political power and economic resources, particularly from the hydrocarbon sector. They will also examine the implications of more recent developments, such as the policy choices facing Bolivia today in light of the agreement between the government and opposition to amend the draft constitution and schedule a referendum for January 25, 2009. Their remarks will be followed by an open discussion with participants.

We very much hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a stimulating session. Please let us know if you will be able to attend by responding to this e-mail or writing [meetings@thedialogue.org](mailto:meetings@thedialogue.org).

Sincerely,

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Michael Shifter  
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Cynthia Arnson  
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