**Guatemala: A Post-Elections Assessment and
Future Challenges**

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With none of the candidates in last Sunday’s Guatemalan presidential elections receiving the required 50 percent of the vote, the top two candidates are headed for a runoff election scheduled for November 6. Former general Otto Pérez Molina of the right-of-center Patriot Party, who had been favored to come out ahead, secured just 36 percent of the votes, while businessman Manuel Baldizón came in second with 23 percent. A distinguished panel of experts joins us to discuss electoral results as well as the country’s major security, political, and economic challenges:

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