

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Socialism of the 21st century: A reflection on Latin America's Energy Politics

Reinaldo Figueredo and Luc Soete

Event in the series of Maastricht Debates

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On **December 11, 7.30 pm** a public debate will take place on the current political and economical developments in Latin America. The debate will be with Reinaldo Figueredo, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela and Luc Soete, Director UNU-MERIT, Maastricht. Figueredo is in the Netherlands on invitation of the **Society of International Development (SID)**.

The debate will take place in the **Auditorium Maastricht University, Faculty of Economics**, Tongerseweg 53, Maastricht. Free entrance as of 7.00 pm.

Reinaldo Figueredo professional experience encompasses several senior and high-level executive positions in Venezuela in the Ministry of Energy, the Foreign Trade Institute, Minister of the Presidency of Venezuela, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Commission on Privatisation and Vice-Chairman on the Defence Commission and President of the Venezuela Institute on Foreign Trade.

Between 1980 and 1984 he was Director of the Manufactures Division in UNCTAD, Geneva. He was a Member of the UN Commission on the Truth and Reconciliation of El Salvador. Between 1998-1999 he was Special Rapporteur on Debt for the UN Commission of Human Rights, Geneva. He held the position of Senior Adviser to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and Director to the joint UNCTAD/UNDP Project on Globalisation, Liberalisation and Sustainable Human Development during the period 1999-2005.

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