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## **Venezuela's Petro-Diplomacy: Hugo Chávez's Foreign Policy**

with co-editors

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**Anthony P. Maingot, Ph.D.**

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Over the last decade, Venezuela has exerted an influence on the Western Hemisphere, and on global international relations. In considering the reasons for this influence, one must take into account the country's vast petroleum deposits. Since coming to power, President Hugo Chávez has used the windfall of high oil prices to remake Venezuela internally along the model of Twenty-first-century socialism and to rewrite global relations by directly challenging U.S. influence. In this book, Professors Ralph S. Clem and Anthony P. Maingot, offer fresh, authoritative insights into a wide array of questions hanging over Venezuelan foreign policy and the leadership of Venezuela's president.

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