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## **The U.S. Double Standard on Elections in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean.**

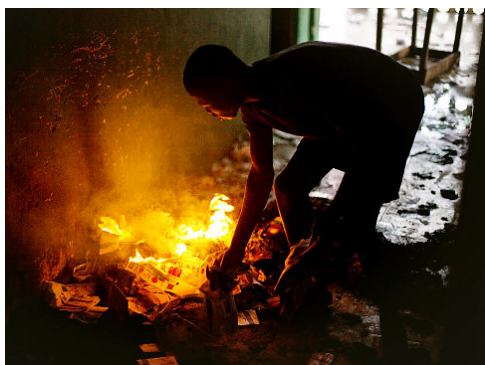
**An evening roundtable discussion with election monitors and foreign policy analysts**

**November 15, 2012  
6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**UC Berkeley School of Law  
215 Boalt Hall, room 145**

On the corner of [Piedmont Avenue and Bancroft Way](#)

A light dinner and refreshments will be served.



### **Panelists:**

**Mana Bararai**, workers' rights attorney at Sundeen Salinas & Pyle, election monitor of Venezuela's 2012 presidential elections

**Joanna Cuevas Ingram**, Equal Justice Works Voting Rights Fellow at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, monitor of 2012 elections in the U.S. and Venezuela

**Pierre Laboissiere**, co-founder of Haiti-Action Committee and member of Global Exchange

**Alexander Main**, analyst at the Center for Economic and Policy Research, election monitor of Haiti's 2010 national elections and Venezuela's 2012 presidential elections

**Nicole Phillips**, staff attorney at the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti, monitor of Haiti's 2010 and 2011 national elections

**Susan Scott**, Moderator, National Lawyer's Guild member, monitor of Venezuela's 2012 presidential elections

**Event Description:**

Why did the U.S. administration support and finance flawed elections in Haiti in 2010? Why is electoral democracy in Venezuela so frequently misrepresented in the mass media? Why were we the only country in the hemisphere to support elections in Honduras under a coup regime?

Join foreign policy analysts and monitors of recent elections in Venezuela and Haiti for a wide-ranging discussion on how our government has sought to influence both the results and public perception of key elections in our hemisphere. Panelists will describe how these elections played out on the ground and examine the role that the U.S. has played in seeking to distort and even subvert electoral outcomes. They will also examine how fundamental aspects of U.S. policy towards the region's left-leaning governments and movements have remained similar under presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. A comparison will be made with the access to the vote and voter suppression in the U.S. Finally, panelists will share thoughts on monitoring potential U.S. involvement in key elections in years to come and on efforts to put an end to the U.S.' double standard on elections.

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