



Honduras: Whitewashing the Coup

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In January Peru's former president Alberto Fujimori lost an appeal against his conviction for human rights crimes. Although the precedent of his conviction is of global significance, the struggle against impunity in Peru—and all of Latin America—continues.

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- Legitimizing the Illegitimate: The Honduran Show Elections and the Challenge Ahead

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With the U.S.-supported coup government no longer officially in power, and the golpistas remaining on the political scene, one thing is for sure in Honduras: No future president can count on fulfilling a term in office if the country's oligarchs don't approve. The flawed election in November that brought Porfirio Lobo to office has ensured the continuity of the golpista agenda in Tegucigalpa, while the resistance stands at a crossroads.

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Washington's coup supporters persuaded many legislators to recognize the Micheletti government and his successor. They have also tried to bury the well-documented record of state violence in Honduras following the coup. What accounts for their success? The absence of a real democratic process in Washington. The "debate" in Washington over who owns the concept of democracy was itself shaped by markedly anti-democratic practices.

💰 Between Resistance and Co-optation: The Politics of Education in the Honduran Crisis

Daniel Altschuler

Education was a key site of struggle during the political crisis triggered by the coup. The Honduran teachers' anti-coup strikes brought years of mounting tension between teachers and parents to a head. Parents organized themselves into multiple pressure groups to demand a return to regular school hours, but the coup government quickly sought to co-opt them in a bid to undermine the resistance.

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💰 The Honduran Coup and Cultural Policy

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The Honduran Ministry of Culture, under the administration of deposed president Manuel Zelaya, had since 2006 pursued a novel cultural policy: emphasizing the history and cultural legacy of living Honduran ethnicities while building organic links with regional communities throughout the country. This experiment, however, abruptly came to an end after the coup, when most of the -ministry's staff were summarily fired and accused of having "indoctrinated" Hondurans with Chavista-inspired ideology.

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Michael Marker

Global Indigenous Media: Cultures, Poetics, and Politics, by Pamela Wilson and Michelle Stewart, eds., Duke University Press (2008), 376 pp., \$24.95 (paperback)

💰 Filming the Fractured Soul of Chile: Guzmán's Epic and Elegy of Revolution

The Battle of Chile (DVD set, 2009), Patricio Guzmán, director. Four discs include the Battle trilogy (Part One, 1975, 96 mins.; Part Two, 1976, 88 mins.; Part Three, 1978, 79 mins.) and Chile, Obstinate Memory (1997, 57 mins.), \$44.98, distributed by Icarus Films (icarusfilms.com)

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