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Crisis in Venezuela: Why it Matters?

ABSTRACT

To understand the importance and complexity of the economic crisis in Venezuela, during the lecture Krzysztof Jacek Hinz will speak about the transformation of Venezuela from the wealthiest to one of the poorest countries in Latin America, the scale of the crisis, which by some scholars has been considered the biggest humanitarian crisis in the whole continent's history, as well as Venezuelan dictatorship with democratic facade and the legacy of cold war.

BIO

Krzysztof Jacek Hinz is a former diplomat, journalist and translator. He graduated from Hispanic Studies at University of Warsaw. In the years 1991–1997 he was a PAP correspondent in Cuba and Mexico. He collaborated with Gazeta Wyborcza, Wprost, Polityka, Radio Free Europe and Radio Zet. He left journalism for the diplomatic service, in which he served as deputy ambassador of the Republic of Poland in Havana (1998-2001), ambassador of the Republic of Poland in Brazil (2001-2005) and in Venezuela (2007-2012). Jacek Hinz is also a former Deputy Director of the Department of the Americans (Ministry of Foreign Affairs). He has written a book "Kuba. Syndrom wyspy". In his free time he cooks, preferably Latin American dishes.

