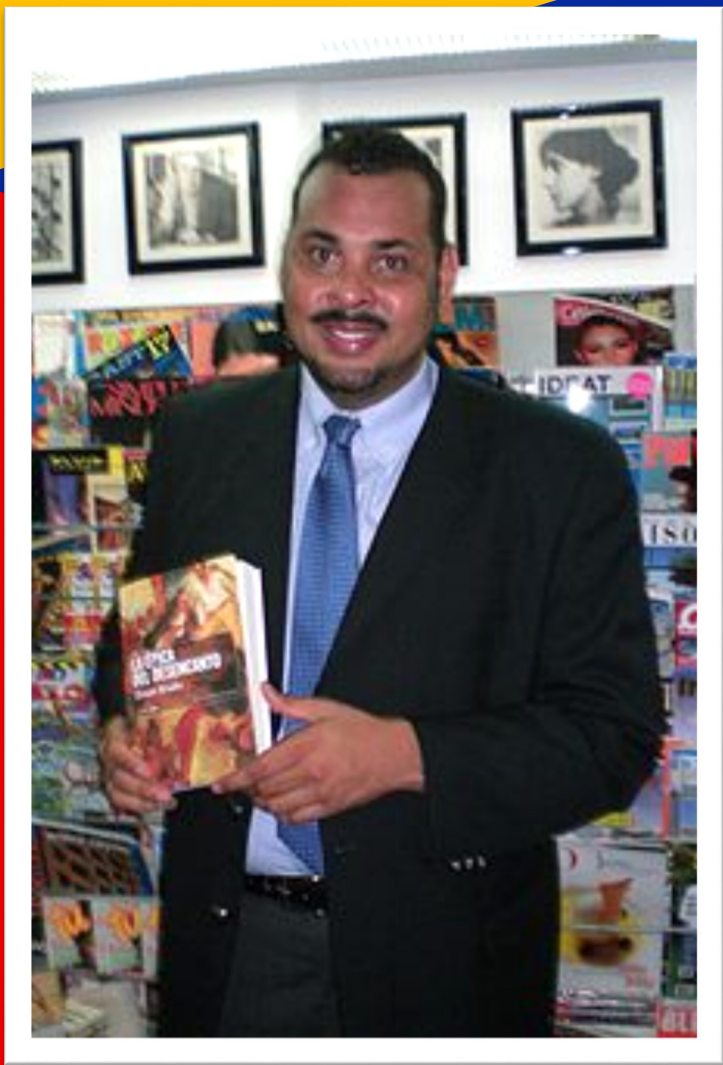


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FROM THE "WAR OF COLORS" TO THE BOLIVARIAN SOCIALISM: THE IDEA OF DEMOCRACY IN VENEZUELA*

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*The talk will be conducted
in Spanish language.

Egalitarianism has been one of the most important ideals throughout the history of Venezuela. This started in the context of the momentous racial and social conflicts of the late-colonial era, over 200 years ago. Egalitarianism has manifested in multiple ways. The so-called "War of Colors" (*Guerra de los Colores*) during the times of independence produced important challenges to the new republic. In response, the idea of "democracy" as "equality" materialized. While this idea has changed over the years, it is possible to identify it even today in the political values and discourses in Venezuela.

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