

In Evo Morales' Bolivia

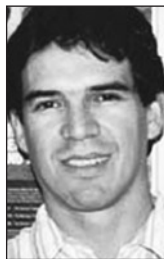
a lecture in English by the prize-winning Bolivian writer,

José Edmundo Paz-Soldán

Thursday, March 23, 6:30PM

In January 2006, Evo Morales took power as the President of Bolivia and the self-proclaimed "first Amerindian president." He has claimed to be the first indigenous person to lead Bolivia as its head of state since the Spanish Conquest 500 years ago.

This talk will address the momentous changes taking place in Bolivia—discussing Morales' ascent from leader of the coca-growers' union to head of the powerful MAS party, and looking at the MAS' attempt to bridge the radical left and the moderate center. It will also analyze Bolivia's changes in the larger context of the Latin American tilt to the left.



José Edmundo Paz-Soldán (born in Bolivia in 1967) is an author and assistant professor at Cornell University. His awards include the National Book Award in Bolivia and the prestigious Juan Rulfo Award. One of the few McOndo writers who live in the United States, he is frequently called upon as the movement's spokesperson by the American media. His work has been translated to seven languages, and *The Matter of Desire* (2004) is his first work to be translated into English.

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