



Reconceptualizing Security in the Americas in the 21st Century

SFS Executive Director Joseph Humire was recently published for his chapter in the book *Reconceptualizing Security in the Americas in the 21st Century* (Lexington Books, 2014). Humire's chapter, **Venezuela: Trends in Organized Crime**, addresses and analyzes how the Venezuelan government uses state-power to fuel, broker and facilitate transnational organized crime. This specific chapter on Venezuela discusses how PDVSA has fueled... the Bolivarian Armed Forces have brokered... and the Venezuelan government, writ large, has been overrun... by organized crime. He discusses the role that Venezuelan government officials like Diosdado Cabello, Hugo Carvajal, Tareck El Aissami and many others have in fostering this trend. And the links they have made to extra-regional criminal groups and terrorist organizations.