

Time for definitions? An approach to ALBA in the dusk of neoliberalism*Daniele Benzi¹****Abstract:***

This article intends to analyze the recent form of integration undertaken by eight Nations of Latin America under the leading of Venezuela; an integration that has resulted in a peculiar way of South-South cooperation. The subject will be approached from four levels of analysis: 1. The historic transition currently underway worldwide characterized by political and economic instability; 2. The deep-rooted crisis of the traditional North-South development cooperation models; 3. The reappearing of coalitions and models of integration and South-South cooperation; 4. The complexity of the processes, sociopolitics and economics as well, in the countries involved in ALBA, particularly Venezuela, Cuba and Bolivia.

Despite having yielded some interesting outcomes, the ALBA is in the middle of a crossroad. Any discussion on the matter cannot avoid the subject of the construction of a political and development model, the analysis of the new and positive element that emerge from these processes and also the peculiar characteristics of the three countries most involved in the project. The dark shade of an extractive pattern as primary exporters, in addition, present another face of the emancipatory project that fights the neoliberal model, generating constant tensions and conflicts.

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