

XXI's century socialism and the Venezuelan political system: an insight from Luhmann's systems theory

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Abstract:

By having a look at the remission structure of the concept of XXI century's socialism it is possible to find common places in the literature relating to it. This is the item of the state's reform or of state's modernization. This problem is deeply rooted in our history and will be studied with help of the systems theory. Based on the difference of binding capacity and redundancy we observe the venezuelan political system in two dimensions: the structural dimension, represented by the problem of power's organization and fixation of system's limits, and the semantic dimension, showing the different ways in which the problem of state's reform have been stated. We can determine that the structural problem of the venezuelan political system is about complexity gradients, that is to say, an hypocomplex system confronting an hypercomplex environment, where hypercomplexity is to be reduced through more or less successful complexity reduction strategies. XXI century's socialism semantic, on the other hand, is employed as an immunization strategy in order to soothe environment's irritations. But conversely, socialism semantic is not able to show a way out to the system's structural problems.

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