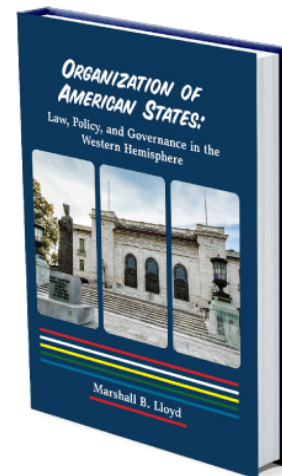


Organization of American States: Law, Policy, and Governance in the Western Hemisphere

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- The **only guide available** that provides a comprehensive view of the Organization of American States (OAS) and other sub-regional institutions in the Western Hemisphere
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About this Title

Organization of American States: Law, Policy, and Governance in the Western Hemisphere is a comprehensive guide exploring the pivotal role of the Organization of American States (OAS) as an institutional facilitator, focusing on its mission to strengthen democratic institutions, human rights, address security threats, and enhance institutional capacity for complex situations. An intriguing feature of the chapters lies in their historical context, offering insight from a public policy perspective. Additionally, the book adopts an interdisciplinary approach, providing a broader perspective on key events within the framework of democratic institutions.

With learning objectives, key terms, selected Internet sites, and review questions located within each chapter, this textbook is an ideal resource for those studying Latin American studies, Western Hemisphere politics and institutions, and anyone seeking a deeper understanding of democratic institutions and processes, by delving into the OAS's impact on regional governance.

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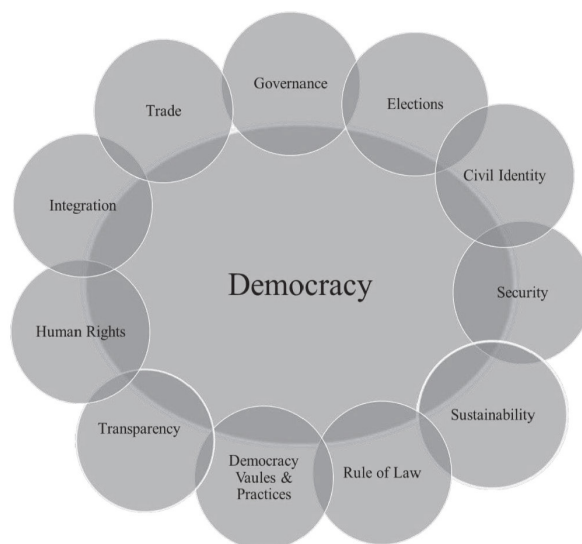
Organization of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

Secretariats of the General Secretariat	
Secretariat	Mission
Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy	Strengthen political processes among the member states, in support of democracy to ensure peace, security, and development.
Executive Secretariat for Integral Development	Support, facilitate, and foster integral development among the member states in coordination with measures to strengthen democracy, multidimensional security, and the promotion of human rights.
Secretariat for Multidimensional Security	Promote and coordinate cooperation among OAS member states and between them and the inter-American system and other bodies in the international system to assess, prevent, confront, and respond effectively to threats to security.
Secretariat for Administration and Finance	Provides leadership and guidance on administrative support activities, including budgetary and financial management, information technology services of the General Secretariat.
Secretariat for Legal Affairs	Develops, promotes, and implements the Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law; provides advisory services concerning international law and the development and codification of inter-American law; and supports the follow-up mechanisms for certain inter-American conventions.
Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity	Promotes and facilitates the full enjoyment of the rights of the citizens of the Americas as a crosscutting priority to other OAS pillars: democracy strengthening, multidimensional security, and integral development.
Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs	Promote initiatives of the Secretary General as well as ideas stemming from the dialogue among member states in order to implement inter-sectoral programs; to foster the strengthening of public institutions so they can be more transparent, effective, and participatory; to provide support for member states through all phases of the Summits' process.

Source: OAS, Office of General Secretariat http://oas.org/en/about/general_secretariat.asp

Figure 4.1

Democracy in the Western Hemisphere



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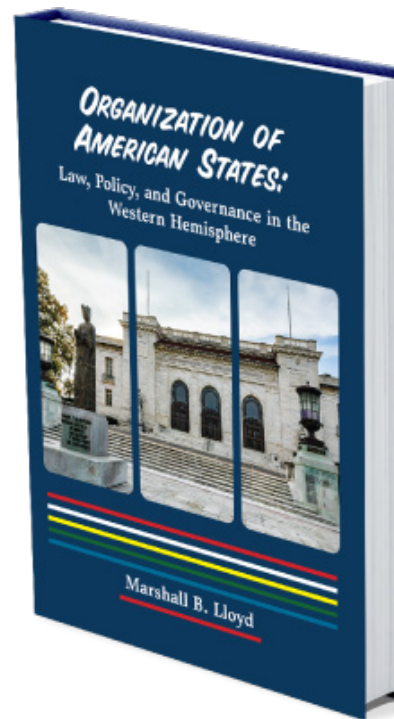
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