"Russia in Latin America: The Strategic Challenge"

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While a great deal of attention has been placed on Russia’s expansionist moves in Ukraine and Crimea, Vladimir Putin’s methodical and accelerating advance into Latin America has sparked little U.S. policy interest or alarm. Yet Russia’s emerging influence in the Western Hemisphere has made it a significant extra-regional power posing a new strategic challenge to the United States as it gains political, military and economic leverage.
Given its current positioning, we argue that Russia now has more influence in Latin America than ever before, even including at the height of the Cold War. This will likely remain true despite the recent announcement of the normalization of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States, and Russia’s ongoing economic turmoil. To read the paper online, please click here.