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## **Consolidating Democracy in Mexico**

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The turn of the century brought about unprecedented events and a crucial point in Mexico's political scenario. Today Mexico is a working electoral democracy. The redefinition of the political system as a whole presents new challenges. The objective of the conference **Consolidating Democracy in Mexico** is to offer a unique forum for the debate and discussion on the challenges of institutional reform, party politics, and civil society's involvement in Mexico's political process. This event brings Mexico's leading policy makers, civil society practitioners, and academic researchers together with university students and leading members of the Hispanic community in the Midwest region. Confirmed participants include the Minister of Government **Santiago Creel**, the second highest member of the federal government; **Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas**, three-time presidential candidate and founding member of a leading opposition party; **Jose Woldenberg**, former president of the Federal Electoral Institute; **Beatriz Paredes**, former leader of the House of Representatives; **Enrique Semo**, Mexico City's Secretary of Culture; **Marieclaire Acosta**, former Secretary of State for Human Rights; **Lorenzo Meyer**, the foremost historian and political analyst; and **Carmen Aristegui**, a top Mexican radio news anchor and political journalist.