

STATE FORMATION  
—IN—  
CENTRAL AMERICA

*The Struggle for Autonomy,  
Development, and Democracy*

**HOWARD H. LENTNER**

Contributions in Latin American Studies, Number 2



**Greenwood Press**  
Westport, Connecticut • London

# Contents

---

<b>Preface</b>	<b>ix</b>
1. Introduction	1
2. U.S. Policies and the Central American Context	13
3. Evolution and Growth of State Capacity	33
4. The Crisis and Its Structural Causes	61
5. Security and Freedom of Action in International Politics	83
6. Role of the Armed Forces	107
7. Economic Development Strategy	127
8. Planning for the Future	169
9. Citizenship and Political Participation	187
10. Summary and Conclusions	205
<b>Select Bibliography</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>Index</b>	<b>237</b>