Abstract
In the late eighties, Venezuela moves from centralization to decentralization. The present paper is to review this period of transition, from State Reform started in 1984 with the creation of the Presidential Commission for State Reform – COPRE, until the decentralization proposal that addresses the current constitutional text. Because of this, the transition from centralized democratic state to participatory democratic state is evaluated.

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