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## SYMPOSIUM

### THE CHANGING HEMISPHERIC TRADE ENVIRONMENT: OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The following articles were presented at a one-day conference co-sponsored by the LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN CENTER (LACC) of Florida International University and the international law firm of White & Case. The conference addressed critical trade issues affecting Latin America and the Caribbean. These and other articles on Latin American trade issues are available in a forthcoming collection published by the Latin American & Caribbean Center.\*

Each of the four articles submitted at this conference describes the challenges faced by Latin American and Caribbean countries amidst global economic changes. The 1990s will bring a unified European market, major economic changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, and an escalation of Asian (especially Japanese) investment in Latin America. As a result of these sweeping international trade developments, trade relations between the United States and Latin America are destined to change dramatically. The goal of this symposium is to shed light on the opportunities and obstacles facing the Western Hemisphere as it strives to optimize its competitive economic position in the next decade.

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