

MERCOSUR AND THE CREATION OF THE FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS

February 26th, 2004 - 9:15 AM to 5:15 PM - 5th Floor Conference Room

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

• 9:15 - **Opening:**

-**Joseph S. Tulchin**, Director, Latin American Program Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (WWICS)

-**Fernando González Guyer**, General Coordinator, Mercosur Economic Research Network, Red Mercosur

-**Nancy Truitt**, Senior Advisor, The Tinker Foundation, Inc.

• 9:30 - **Unilateral, Plurilateral or Bilateral Trade Liberalization?**

Moderator: **Joseph S. Tulchin**, Director, Latin American Program, WWICS

Presentations:

-**Marcel Vaillant**, Mercosur Secretariat/Economic Consultant, Economics Department, Universidad de la Republica (DE-FCS/UdelaR), Uruguay, Red Mercosur

-**Silvia Laens**, Senior Reseracher, Centro de Investigaciones Económicas (CINVE), Uruguay, Red Mercosur

Comments:

-**Bernard Hoekman**, Research Manager, International Trade Group, World Bank

• 11:00 - **State Perspectives**

Moderator: **John Sewell**, Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Presentations:

- **Ambassador Rubens Barbosa** (Brazil)

- **Alejandro L. Casiró**, Chief of the Economic and Commercial Section, Embassy of Argentina

- **Karen Lezny**, Deputy Assistant US Trade Representative, FTAA

• 12:30-2:00 PM - **Break** •

• 2:00 - **Sectoral Perspectives**

Moderator: **José Manuel Salazar Xirinachs**, Director, Trade Unit, Organization of American States

Presentations:

-**Paulo Fracalanza**, Reseracher, Economy Insitute, State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil / Red Mercosur

-**Andrés López**, Researcher, Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT), Argentina—Red Mercosur

-**Julio Berlinski**, Chief Researcher, Instituto Torcuato Di Tella (ITDT), Argentina—Red Mercosur

Comments:

-**Sherry Stephenson**, Deputy Director for Trade, Trade Unit, Organization of American States

• 3:30 - **Coffee Break** •

• 3:45 - **Political Economy Perspective**

Moderator: **Vinod Aggarwal**, Fellow, WWICS

Presentations:

-**Carol Wise**, Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California (USC)

-**Alvaro Ons**, Researcher, DE-FCS/UdelaR, Uruguay – Red Mercosur

Comments:

-**Marcelo Olarreaga**, Senior Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank

-**Paolo Giordano**, Economist, Integration and Regional Programs Department, Inter-American Development Bank

• 5:00 - **Conclusion**

-**Joseph S. Tulchin**, Director, Latin American Program, WWICS

-**Fernando González Guyer**, General Coordinator, Mercosur Economic Research Network, Red Mercosur

Overflow Space is available:

- 9:00-11:00: 6th Floor Boardroom
- 11:00-3:00: 6th Floor Auditorium
- 3:00-5:15: 4th Floor Conference Room

