The Mexican Center & and the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies Invite you to: The Binational Conference and U.S.-Mexico Relations: In Retrospect and Prospect

The University of Texas, February 22-23 Eidman Courtroom, UT Law School (See program below)

Reception Friday, Feb 23, 7:00PM Rare Books Room, Benson Library

Conference and Reception free and open to everyone Live Webcast will be available on Thursday Feb. 22 at 2:00pm (Central Standard Time) (mms//realaudio.cc.utexas.edu/wmtencoder/utlaw2)

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The conference will provide a forum for evaluating the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement on Mexico, the United States, and their bilateral relationship.

One of the major aims of the conference is to provide an assessment of the NAFTA negotiation processes. One panel will take a retrospective look at the process of negotiation, review the original goals that the agreement intended to accomplish, and discuss some of the challenges the treaty has faced in the past decade. Analyzing the negotiation process represents an important exercise to understand who benefited and who lost after the implementation of the treaty. Panelists will share their analyses of the negotiations between 1993 and 1994 that eventually led to the signing of the treaty, detailing the obstacles placed in their way by individuals and interest groups opposed to the treaty.

Panelists also will discuss the impact of NAFTA in regard to labor relations and immigration, technology and innovation, social and economic development, the rule of law, and the bilateral relationship in general. A panel on labor relations and immigration will assess the implications of NAFTA for the new dynamics of Mexico-U.S. migration, and the public policies emerging on both sides of the border to deal with them. A panel on technology innovation and business development will analyze the potential role of NAFTA in accelerating Mexico¹s competitiveness and in promoting technological exchange and joint business development initiatives between the countries. A social and economic development panel will examine the influence of NAFTA on economic growth, poverty, and income inequalities, especially in Mexico.

Please, feel free to invite colleagues and friends Program Eidman Courtroom, CCJ UT Law School See map <http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/areas/law.html>

Thursday, February 22

2:00 p.m. Welcome

2:202:30 p.m. Video: Globalization and NAFTA

2:304:00 p.m. Panel: The Origins of NAFTA

* Jaime Zabludovsky (MEXICO), Deputy Chief Negotiator for NAFTA

* Guy Erb (USA), Former Member, International Trade Commission

* Garry Hufbauer (USA), Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics

* Tara Schwegler (USA), Assistant Professor, University of Chicago

Moderator: Peter Ward, UT Austin

4:004:10 p.m. Coffee Break

4:105:30 p.m. Panel: NAFTA: Technology Innovation and Business Development

* Jaime Alonso Gomez (Mexico), Dean, School of Business (ITESM)

* Roger Wallace (USA), Former Deputy Undersecretary for International Trade

* Gustavo Chapela Castañares (Mexico), Former Director, CONACYT

* Luis Medina (Mexico), CEO, TECHBA, UT Austin

Moderator: Patricia Hansen, UT Austin

5:306:30 p.m. Keynote Address

* Jim Jones (USA), Ambassador to Mexico, 19931997

Friday, February 23

9:0010:30 a.m. Panel: NAFTA, Labor Relations, and Immigration

* Agustin Escobar (Mexico), Professor CIESAS

* Susan Martin (USA), Executive Director, Commission on Immigration Reform

* Arturo Alcalde (Mexico), International Labor Rights Fund

* Berta Lujan (Mexico), Former National Coordinator, FAT (Frente Auténtico del Trabajo) Moderator: Andres Villarreal, UT Austin

10:3010:40 a.m. Coffee Break

10:4012:15 p.m. Panel: NAFTA and Social and Economic Development

* Carol Wise (USA), Associate Professor, University of Santa Cruz

* Mercedes Gonzalez de la Rocha (Mexico), CIESAS, Guadalajara

* Gustavo Verduzco (Mexico), Colegio de México

* Jorge Garces (USA), Managing Director, North American Development Bank, USA

Moderator: Raúl Madrid, UT Austin

2:003:30 p.m. Panel: NAFTA and U.S.- Mexico Relations

* Gustavo Vega-Cánovas (Mexico), Professor, Colegio de México

* Denise Dresser (Mexico), Professor, ITAM

* George Grayson (USA), College of William and Mary

* William Glade (USA), UT Austin

Moderator: Kenneth Greene, UT Austin

3:303:40 p.m. Coffee Break

3:405:15 p.m. Panel: NAFTA: What Lies Ahead? * Sherry Stephenson (USA), Director, Department of Trade, Tourism, and Competitiveness * Hugo Aboites, Professor (Mexico) Professor Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco

* TBC

Moderator: James Lindsay, UT Austin 5:15-6:30 p.m. Keynote Address: Honorable Consul Jorge Guajardo Consul General of Mexico in Austin Reception Friday Feb. 23, 7:00PM -9:00PM Rare Books Room, Benson Library SRH See map <<u>http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/areas/lbj.html</u>>

Parking information For Conference: Parking Garage in SJG building located in San Jacinto, between Dean Keaton and 23 St. (See map <<u>http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/jon.html</u>>) For Reception: Free parking in the LBJ Visitors Parking (Red River 2400) See map

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