

WORKING AGENDA  
*Partners of Choice?*  
*A Western Hemisphere Security Conundrum*

Sponsored by  
the Institute for National Strategic Studies  
at  
Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC  
November 30 and December 1, 2006

This symposium focuses on two timely questions: can Latin American, Caribbean, and North American nations, including the United States, move from good intentions for collective action to concrete programs that respond to security challenges that cannot be handled alone and what unifying approaches and programs are most likely to succeed? National protection today requires a broader perimeter than one nation can establish.

**Objectives**

During this symposium we will explore ideas about the pursuit of strategic partnerships in today's security environment and seek to gain insight into how democratic countries in the Western Hemisphere can work together bilaterally or multilaterally in concrete ways. What are the different prerequisites, expectations, obstacles, and trade-offs that influence the choice of security partners? In addition, we seek to identify those attitudes, policies and institutions that need to change or be accommodated in order to make working security partnerships possible, either with the United States or with one or more regional neighbors.

**PROGRAM**

**Thursday, November 30**

**0730 – 0830** Registration  
**0830 – 0840** Administrative Remarks  
**0840 – 0855** Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Dr. Stephen J. Flanagan**, Vice President for Research and Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies

**0855 – 0935** Opening Keynote Address  
*The Potentials of Multinational Partnership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*  
**Ambassador Luigi Einaudi – Ret.**, former Assistant Secretary General of the  
Organization of the American States and Acting Secretary General (confirmed)

**0935 – 0950** Break

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### 0945 – 1130 Panel 1: Today's Strategic Landscape

**Moderator: Dr. Cynthia J. Arnson**, *Director, Latin American Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars* (confirmed)

- **Trends toward Economic Unity and Strategic Partnerships** – **Dr. Inés Bustillo**, *Director, Washington Office, United Nations Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)* (confirmed)
- **Cooperative Management of the New Hemispheric Security Agenda** – **Dr. Margaret Daly Hayes**, *Vice President and Principal of EBR Associates* (confirmed)
- **U. S. Interests in Regional Affairs** – **Dr. Howard Wiarda**, *Professor of International Relations and Head, Department of International Affairs, The University of Georgia*, (confirmed)

### 1130 – 1320 Luncheon and Presentation

#### *Brazil and Regional Integration in South America*

*Ambassador Roberto Abdenur, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States* (confirmed)

### 1320 – 1500 Panel 2: Perspectives on Security Partnerships

**Moderator: Dr. Max Manwaring**, *Professor of National Security Affairs, U.S. Army War College* (confirmed)

- **Patterns in Latin America's Strategic Debate** – **Ambassador Heraldo Muñoz**, *Ambassador of Chile to the United Nations*, (confirmed)
- **Competing Influences in Regional Affairs** – **Dr. Julia Sweig**, *Director of Latin American Studies, Council on Foreign Relations* (confirmed)
- **The Future of Non-Military Collective Action** – **Dr. Francisco Rojas Aravena**, *Secretary General, Latin American Faculty of Social Science (FLACSO)* (confirmed)

### 1500 – 1520 Break

### 1520 – 1700 Panel 3: Regional Experience with Military Cooperation

**Moderator: Dr. Frank Mora**, *Professor of National Security Studies, National War College, National Defense University* (confirmed)

- **Complementarities at Bilateral and Sub-Regional Levels - General Juan Carlos Salgado**, *Chilean Army Ret., President, Academic Center for the Military Studies of the Army* (confirmed)
- **Latin American Participation in Peace Operations in Haiti: Lessons for Future Cooperation?** – **Lieutenant General Augusto Heleno Ribeiro Pereira**, *Brazilian Army, Chief of the Brazilian Army Commander's Cabinet* (confirmed)
- **National Challenges to Security Cooperation** – **Ms. Rut C. Diamint**, *Professor, Department of Political Science and Government, Torcuato di Tella University and former Advisor to Argentina's Minister of Defense* (confirmed)

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### Friday, December 1

**0730 – 0800** Optional tour of NDU Library Special Collections

**0810 – 0950** Panel 4: North American Perspectives on Security Partnership

**Moderator: Dr. Richard D. Downie**, *Director, Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University* (confirmed)

- *Natural Allies? Canadian Perspectives on Continental Defense and Security Arrangements* – **Dr. Edgar J. Dosman**, *Professor, York Centre for International and Security Studies (CISS)* (confirmed)
- *Mexico's Security Dilemma: Between Nation, North America and Latin America* – **Dr. Raúl Benítez-Manaut**, *Professor, National Autonomous University of Mexico and Visiting Professor, North American Center, American University* (confirmed)
- *Practical Security Partnerships As Seen from DHS* – **Ambassador Cresencio Arcos**, *Ret., Counselor for Government Affairs at Preston Gates Law Firm, former Assistant Secretary, International Affairs Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* (confirmed)

**1010 – 1150** Panel 5: Security Cooperation around the Caribbean Basin

**Moderator: Dr. Ivelaw L. Griffith**, *Provost and Professor of Political Science, Radford University* (confirmed)

- *Central America's Approach to Security Integration* – **Honorable Federico Breve-Travieso**, *Director of Politics and Security, FUNDEMOS* (confirmed)
- *Strengthening Partnerships in the Caribbean* – **Brigadier General Edmond Dillon**, *Chief of Defense Staff, Trinidad and Tobago* (confirmed)
- *Colombia's Experience with Security Cooperation* – **Ambassador Carolina Barco Isakson**, *Chief of Colombia's Mission to the United States and recent Minister of Foreign Affairs* (confirmed)

**1150 – 1345** Luncheon and Presentation

*Working with Democratic Partners in the Western Hemisphere*

**Ambassador John F. Maisto**, *U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States* (confirmed)

**1345 – 1515** – Panel 6: Partners of Choice: Commentaries

**Moderator: COL John A. Cope**, *U.S. Army Ret., Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University* (confirmed)

- **Dr. Luis Bitencourt**, *Professor of National Security Affairs, Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University* (confirmed)
- **Lt. Gen. Julio Hang**, *Argentine Army, Ret., Director del Instituto de Seguridad Internacional y Asuntos Estratégicos (ISIAE)* (confirmed)