THE SYMPOSIUM

Building on the success of the Real Plan, the presidency of Fernando Henrique Cardoso (1994-2002) has sought to deepen and broaden the process of liberalizing the economy, reforming the state and political system, and changing Brazil’s international role. This international symposium at the Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies (The Graduate Center, City University of New York) begins an assessment of the key reforms proposed and/or implemented by the Cardoso governments. Panels focus on: economic reforms (trade liberalization, market reforms, agrarian reform, and development model), political and state reforms (issues pertaining to federalism, strengthening political parties and civil society, fiscal adjustment), as well as Brazil’s response to globalization and the efforts to redefine its role in the Americas and the world (US-Brazilian relations, Brazil-Mercosur relations, and the Free Trade Area of the Americas). Other meetings are planned for the future.

Registration is required. Those interested in the May symposium should send inquiries to bildner@gc.cuny.edu or write to Bildner Center, The Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

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PROGRAM

May 17: Afternoon  Concourse Level
2:30 Registration
2:50 Opening Remarks

3:00-5:30 Session I
Reforming the State
Moderator: Mauricio Font, Bildner Center

Political Reform in Brazil
David Fleischer, UnB

Privatization and Regulatory Regimes
Maria Herminia Tavares de Almeida, USP

Economic Performance under
Presidential Regimes
José Antonio Cheibub, Yale University

1:00-3:00 P.M. Session III
Social Development
Room: 9204
Moderator: Robert Kaufman, Rutgers University

The New Labor Movement and Civil Society
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Economic Reform and Social Policy
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Land Reform in Brazil, 1995-2001
Tony Pereira, Tulane University

Friday, May 18, 2001

8:30-9:00 A.M. Registration  Room: 9204
9:00-11:45 A.M. Session II
Actors and Institutional Dynamics
Moderator: Tony Spanakos, Bildner Center

Competitive Federalism and Distributive Conflict in Democratic Brazil
Alfred Montero, Carleton College

Between Interest Association and Social Movement: Brazil’s Pensamento Nacional das Bases Empresariais
Eduardo R. Gomes and Fabricia C. Guimarães, UFRJ

Reinventing Business: Commercial Liberalization and the Response of Industrialists in Brazil
Peter Kingstone, University of Connecticut

The Death of Corporatism?
Ken Erickson, Hunter College and Graduate Center

3:20-5:45 P.M. Session IV
Economic Liberalization and Global Role
Moderator: Mauricio Font
Fiscal and Monetary Reforms in the 1990s
Eliana Cardoso, Consultant

The Free Trade Area of the Americas, Mercosur and Brazilian Foreign Policy
Tullo Vigeani, UNESP/CEDEC

Brazil and ALCA: Who gets What? When? And How?
João Paulo Machado Peixoto, UnB

Saturday, May 19, 2001
10:00-12:00 P.M.
Working Group
(By invitation)
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SATURDAY SESSION

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