Latin America Challenged

From Goulart to Lula: Balancing National and International Pressures in Undertaking Socioeconomic Change

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This session will zero in on the challenges faced by Latin American governments addressing severe socioeconomic problems such as poverty and inequality, while simultaneously responding to national and international capital, as well as the requirements of financial institutions. State spending, capital controls, exchange rates, monetary policies, interest rates and other economic policies obviously must all be taken into account in policy making. Brazil under Janio Quadros in the 1960s and Lula today present clear cases of such challenges.

The objective of Latin America Challenged is to identify positive policy responses to hemispheric problems derived from an analysis of past crises. This series will examine, in a comparative fashion, how past developments affect current problems and what policy responses have been most effective. Topics include issues of good governance, a comparison of strategies to deal with economic crises from the 1990s to the present, the balancing of national and international pressures in undertaking socioeconomic change, effective national economic policy approaches from the Great Depression to the FTAA, programs to diminish corruption as well as political and criminal violence, together with means to fortify judicial systems.

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