REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN THE AMERICAS:
THE IMPACT OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS
November 23, 2009
5th Floor Conference Room
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
9:15 a.m – 5:00 p.m.

9:15 AM  Welcome remarks
José Raúl Perales, Woodrow Wilson Center

9:25 AM  Panel 1: Evolution of the economic crisis and Latin America’s regional integration groups

Roberto Bouzas: Why are regional integration agreements stagnated?
Carol Wise: The political economy of integration agreements and the crisis

Discussants:
Paolo Giordano, Inter-American Development Bank

10:40 AM  Break

10:50 AM  Panel 2: Policymakers and experts perspectives

Rubens Barbosa
Sidney Weintraub
Luz María de la Mora

12:10 PM  Lunch break (lunch not provided)

1:30 PM  Panel 3: A role for regional integration agreements in the architecture of international finance?

José María Fanelli (CEDES/ Red Mercosur)
Pablo Sanguinetti (CAF)
Eric Santor (Bank of Canada)

3:00 PM  Break

3:15 PM  Panel 4: Conclusions, inter-regional comparisons, and the way forward

Ramón Torrent (Universidad de Barcelona)
Barbara Kotschwar (Center for Latin-American Studies, Peterson Institute for International Economics)
Inés Bustillo (ECLAC)

4:45 PM  Closing remarks

Andrés López, Red Mercosur

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