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**REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN THE AMERICAS:  
THE IMPACT OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS**  
**November 23, 2009**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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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