



## Globalisation, Regionalisation and the FTAA

---

Conference hosted by the University of the West Indies and the University of  
Alberta

<http://sta.uwi.edu/remappingconference>

19-21 OCTOBER, 2005

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Recent history provides new insights into the true characteristics of globalisation and it has become necessary therefore to reconsider this phenomenon. From the perspective of regional integration, there are many new and diverse approaches which must be considered. Since globalisation is evidently selective in awarding benefits, a clearer understanding of the unique sub-regional and national challenges facing nations in the Americas should help contribute to the refinement of a strategy for collective prosperity, growth and the ability to participate in the international system.

The Americas consist predominantly of developing countries and, with the apparent derailing of the FTAA process over the past two years, the future appears more uncertain than ever. Since the competitiveness of individual countries depends to a considerable extent on a joint approach, attempts have been made at the sub-regional level to hasten integration in various forms.

It is the hope of the conference organisers that participants will explore the unique challenges confronting the current regional integration process. This exploration is expected to result in an injection of innovative and challenging thought relating to the unique political, social and economic challenges of each regional player. The results of this dialogue should help provide guidance in the re-alignment, or re-creation, of a meaningful regional integration movement. It is anticipated that this attempt at rationalising the integration debate will contribute towards clarity of vision and direction in current and future processes.

Through a process of collaborative discussion, the following six areas of focus have been determined as suitable themes for the conference. Each theme includes a list of sub-themes highlighting examples of relevant ideas that are meant to guide prospective presenters. Collectively, these themes represent the major factors that require examination if meaningful and effective regional integration is to be achieved.

#### **1. The Americas in the Changing World Order**

Historical interpretations of hemispheric political-economic relations; Global Geo-Economics and its influence on contemporary economic relations; Global Geo-Politics and hemispheric relations in the post cold war period; The emerging world trading order - threats and opportunities.

#### **2. Hemispheric Trade and Economic Relations**

The changing pattern of trade and integration arrangements in the hemisphere; FTAA: Structure, Context and Negotiations; Lessons from NAFTA; The interaction between

---

**Globalisation, Regionalisation and the FTAA**

---

the FTAA and existing regionalisation schemes: MERCOSUR, CARICOM, OECS, Andean Pact, CACM; Treatment of asymmetries in hemispheric trade and integration schemes; Implications of trade liberalization for small economies.

**3. Social, Political and Cultural Implications of Emerging Hemispheric Relations**

Migration and inter-state relations; Regional Processes: Human Rights and Social Rights; Gender; Health; Differential Economic and Social impacts on various demographic groupings; Indigenous Peoples; Social and Cultural impacts of Tourism.

**4. Governance and Multilateralism**

Adjustment, Sovereignty and Autonomy; Legitimacy, Participation and Democracy; The Politics of Trade Agreements: Unilateralism, Bilateralism, Multilateralism; Public policy responses to hemispheric and global trends; Implications for Non-sovereign entities (cities, provinces, regions, states, dependent territories); Non-state actors' response to hemispheric agreements (civil society, NGOs, private sector).

**5. Trade, the Environment and Security in Hemispheric Economic Relations**

National, Cross-border and Regional Security; Human Security; Environmental Sustainability: Global warming - The Impact of Natural Disasters on regional development; Implications of the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME) on regional security.

**6. Threats to Regional Security**

Contemporary: Drug trafficking, trafficking in small arms, money laundering and financial crimes, computer and cyber crime, smuggling of people, commodity theft, theft of intellectual property, commodity smuggling, trans-national criminal activities. Emerging: HIV/AIDS, Porous Borders (ports, airports etc.), terrorism, issues impacting on US Homeland Security, the rise of private security companies.

**7. Towards a Re-mapping of Hemispheric Relations.**

Addressing tensions between localization and globalisation; Alternative models of integration in the Americas; Developmental approaches in the emerging context; Extra-hemispheric relations: Asia, Africa, EU.

---

**Deadline for submission of Abstracts: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2005**  
**Notification of acceptance of Abstracts: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2005**  
**Submission of Full Papers: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005**

---

---

**Globalisation, Regionalisation and the FTAA**

---

**GUIDELINES TO AUTHORS FOR PAPER  
ABSTRACTS**

1. A one (1) page CV **must** accompany each abstract.
2. Abstracts and CV's **must** be submitted in **English**.  
(Abstracts in **Spanish** will be accepted if accompanied by an English translation).
3. Abstracts may be submitted electronically (in either **Microsoft Word** or **Adobe PDF** formats) or via fax to:

[remappingconference@admin.uwi.tt](mailto:remappingconference@admin.uwi.tt) Fax: + (868) 645-2506

4. Criteria for selection include academic integrity, adherence to the themes identified and relevance to the Re-mapping process of the region.
5. Successful abstracts may form part of a publication on "Re-Mapping the Americas".

**ABSTRACTS MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE MUST NOT EXCEED  
250 WORDS.**

**THE FORMAT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE MUST BE  
FOLLOWED.**

---

**Globalisation, Regionalisation and the FTAA**

---

**CONFERENCE PAPER ABSTRACT*****TITLE*****Author:****Organization:** *Name, City, Country***Objective***State the main objective/research question//hypothesis of the study.***Results***Present the main results with relevant statistical supporting indicators where necessary and precision of comparisons where appropriate.***Conclusions***Limit to only those directly supported by the results.*