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## The challenges of integrating the North American economies



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Can there be greater economic integration between the United States, Canada, and Mexico? What are the potential costs and benefits? The issue was addressed in a two-day conference, “Building a North American Community: Economic Integration and Regulatory Cooperation,” sponsored by the Center for North American Studies. The two-day conference looked at a host of issues, from regulation to agricultural trade.

Some of the panelists, from left above, were David DeCarme, U.S. Department of Transportation; Raul Rodriguez, former president, North American Development Bank; Isaac Cohen, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Juan Carlos Villa, Texas A&M University; Ines Bustillo, ECLAC; and AU's Robert Pastor, director of the Center for North American Studies. —SA