

the topic. The organization, level, and style of the book make it accessible to readers, from any discipline, who have a basic understanding of the principles of economics. And it will provide them with the tools necessary to undertake more advanced readings on the subject. Thus it can be read by the interested lay person or be utilized in a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in business, economics, international relations, and the emerging field of North American studies.

We recommend it as a core text, to be supplemented with additional readings if desired, for special courses such as "North American Economic Relations" and "The Political Economy of North America" now being taught at San Diego State University. Alternatively, it can be used as a supplementary text in business, international relations, and economics courses, such as the "International Economics" course at the University of Calgary.

This book focuses on the integration experience of the United States, Canada, and Mexico and is available in both English and Spanish. Each chapter is written as a separate module, so that it may be updated and revised as necessary. As more countries are invited to join the NAFTA, or as NAFTA evolves into something quite different, the book will be expanded to include chapters on the new NAFTA countries and/or the shape of the new agreements, to be authored by specialists from the new member countries and/or on the subsequent negotiations.

A major strength of this book lies in the fact that it was developed by a multinational team of economists and advisers from other, related disciplines. This team approach, we believe, has produced a balanced perspective from each country on the NAFTA process and the controversies it engendered, both within and between countries.

The book complements another volume, entitled *North American Federalism*, which focuses on the *political* dimension of North American integration and is authored by political scientists from the same three universities that are represented in this volume.

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