

- the economic theory of international trade and economic integration underlying the NAFTA and any subsequent agreements that may emerge in the future (chapter 2),
- the circumstances and the (global) environment that brought the three countries together to negotiate the NAFTA and its complementary agreements in the early 1990s (chapter 3),
- the major points regarding the economic development of each country in the context of the changing global economy and the institutions responsible for managing it (chapters 4–6),
- what NAFTA does and does not do (chapter 7), and
- alternative paths for the future development of the NAFTA and the likely impacts of NAFTA on business, the environment, and other aspects of North American life (chapter 8).