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INTRODUCTION

In October 2002 the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) Office in Europe (SOE) and Integration and Regional Programs Department (INT) (through the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL) in Buenos Aires and the Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division (ITD)) launched the *Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade (ELSNIT)*. This initiative creates in Europe a forum on integration and trade issues relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean. The main objectives of the Network are to generate research, studies and debate on these issues, draw on a rich European experience and perspectives and increase interaction between European and Latin American researchers.

The ELSNIT Network is coordinated by a Steering Committee that currently comprises the Center for Research in International Economics (CREI), Barcelona, Spain; the Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII), Paris, France; the Institute for World Economics (IfW), Kiel, Germany; the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute (RSC-EUI), Florence, Italy, and the IDB (represented by SOE and INT).

The Third Annual Conference of ELSNIT took place in Kiel, Germany on October 21-22, 2005. The event was hosted by the Institute for World Economics (IfW). The papers presented at this conference – as well as those from previous conferences- are available at www.iadb.org/europe and at www.iadb.org/intal. The Steering Committee will present reports of the Kiel sessions, with policy indications, at a Seminar to be held on April 7 in São Paulo, Brasil, in cooperation with the Getulio Vargas Foundation from São Paulo.

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This call for papers invites you to submit a paper to, or express your interest in participating in the Fourth Annual Conference of the Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade (ELSNIT). The Conference will be a two-day event, organized in three parallel sessions, and coordinated by Steering Committee members, as follows:

Session I: Macroeconomic Dimensions of Integration and Trade

Coordinated by Jaume Ventura, CREI and Omar Licandro, EUI

Session II: Economic Policy Dimensions of Integration and Trade

Coordinated by Rolf J. Langhammer, IfW, Rainer Schweickert, IfW, Michel Fouquin, CEPII, and Soledad Zignago, CEPII

Session III: Institutional Dimensions of Integration and Trade

Coordinated by Helen Wallace, RSC-EUI and Jacques Ziller, EUI-Law Department

Papers submitted to these sessions should have a focus on trade, investment and regional integration issues, as well as have policy relevance for Latin America and the Caribbean. Papers containing relevant policy implications are encouraged.

The Call does not seek papers on any specific topic. Possible areas that could be addressed on Regional Integration are: the fiscal and monetary policy mix in an integrated area, regional integration and policy divergence/convergence, regional macroeconomic coordination and monetary integration, regional integration effects on income distribution and labor markets, regional versus global integration strategies, asymmetries in integration (large/small, more/less developed economies), customs union formation, role of common institutions and of legal rules and procedures, the relation between integration and institutions etc. Some Trade Issues that might be addressed are: exchange rates and trade, fiscal implications of trade opening, WTO disciplines and policy space for developing countries, WTO negotiations, bilateralism, effectiveness of trade preferences, FDI, capital account opening and trade, trade and productivity, trade opening and income distribution, institutional dimensions of trade policy making and implementation, etc. (the suggested areas are indicative only).

Each parallel session will have a presentation of the papers selected by the Steering Committee through this Call for Papers. A recognized expert in its field will comment upon each paper. All the papers and discussions will be posted on the website of SOE and INTAL and circulated as working documents of the Network. The authors are, however, free to submit the papers elsewhere, stating that there were first presented at the IV ELSNIT Conference.

PAPER SUBMISSION: RULES AND PROCEDURES

All researchers who are associated with a European or Latin American/Caribbean based academic or research institution are eligible to submit papers to be considered for this conference. The deadline for the submission of papers (detailed abstracts will also be considered) is **March 31st**. The final selection of papers will be made by **May 15th**. The final versions of the papers must be delivered by **September 30th**.

Submissions of papers (or detailed abstracts) should be accompanied by a statement declaring your institutional affiliation, and your interest to present the paper in the conference indicating the nature of the paper and the session (or sessions, if the topic of the paper makes this appropriate) you would like your paper to be considered. The papers should be written in English. Submissions should be sent to the following addresses (electronic submissions in PDF format are welcome):

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The authors' and invited discussants' travel expenditures (economy class) and per diems will be reimbursed by the IDB. Detailed guidelines explaining the logistics of the conference will be provided at a later stage.

Please circulate this call for papers among your colleagues and other potentially interested parties.

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