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Mercosur At 20: Politics and Economics in the Southern Cone

St Antony's College, Friday 11th March 2011
Convenors: Timothy Power and Diego Sánchez-Ancochea

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Twenty years ago, on 27th March 1991, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay signed the Treaty of Asunción, constituting the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR). Despite uneven growth and frequent setbacks, MERCOSUR has become the most ambitious integration attempt in the region, deepening economic interactions between the member countries and influencing the political agenda in the Southern Cone and beyond.

The twentieth anniversary of the Treaty constitutes an excellent opportunity to evaluate the evolution of Mercosur from a multidisciplinary perspective and discuss its central challenges. Speakers will explore the political evolution of the agreement, its economic impact and the way it has contributed to shape the region's external agenda. The changes that each of the four founding countries has experienced will constitute the background to these discussions.

Schedule: Friday, 11th March 2011

- 8:30-8:55am: Coffee and Registration
- 9:00am: Welcoming Remarks
- 9:05-10:45am: Panel 1
The Political Dimension: Characteristics and Evaluation

Chair: Juliana Bertazzo (LSE and SAS, University of London)

Gian Luca Gardini (University of Bath)

Andrés Malamud (University of Lisbon)

Jeffrey Cason (Middlebury College)

- 10:45-11:00am: Coffee Break

- 11:00am-12:30pm: Panel 2

The Economic Dimension: Impacts and Theories

Chair: Germán Ríos (Corporación Andina de Fomento and St Antony's College)

Carlos Quenan (IHEAL, University of Paris III, Sorbonne Nouvelle)

Laura Gómez-Mera (University of Miami)

Mahrukh Doctor (University of Hull)

- 12:30-2:00pm : Lunch break

- 2:00-3:30pm: Panel 3

The Context: Evolution and Perspectives of the Founding Four

Chair: Valpy FitzGerald (University of Oxford)

Peter Lambert (University of Bath)

Francisco Panizza (LSE)

Celia Szusterman (University of Westminster)

Andrew Hurrell (University of Oxford)

- 3:30-3:45pm: Coffee break

- 3:45-4:45 pm: Panel 4

Looking at the Future, Learning from the Past

(a shorter panel: 2 closing speakers with summations/
provocations)

Chair: Anthony W. Pereira (King's College, London)

Alfredo Valladão (Sciences-Po)

Laurence Whitehead (University of Oxford)

- 4:45pm: Closing marks and adjournment

- 5:00pm: *All participants invited to Latin American Centre weekly seminar
1 Church Walk*

Hillel Soifer (Temple University)