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ROBERT A. PASTOR NORTH AMERICA RESEARCH INITIATIVE

This joint program with American University's School of International Service (SIS) promotes and disseminates cutting-edge social science research focused on processes of North American integration. It does so by catalyzing the emergence of a new generation of scholars, from Mexico, Canada, and the United States, devoted to the study of the region. By supporting the production, exchange, and dissemination of scholarship devoted to the region and its potential, the Robert A. Pastor North America Research Initiative (NARI) places AU at the forefront of a long term research agenda that will inform future policy on North America.

Pastor Scholars—named for the late SIS Professor Robert A. Pastor who championed the idea of North American integration—are early career scholars or doctoral candidates whose research encompasses a wide range of topics that shape regional dynamics, including migration, trade, finance and investment, energy, climate change, security, and political and social identities. Scholars meet regularly in all three countries, generate collaborative papers, and participate in public panel events aimed at contributing to the public debate around North American issues, including the



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“backlash” against North American regionalism, the future of the North American agenda, and bilateral relationships between countries in the region. This initiative resulted in an edited volume with New Mexico University Press and a Spanish-language volume.

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