

**SIS-318-618-001/SIS-618-001 -- NORTH AMERICA:  
A UNION, A COMMUNITY, OR JUST THREE NATIONS**

**Dr. Robert A. Pastor  
Thursday, 5:30-8:00 pm**

The relationship between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada is critical to all three countries but also difficult. This course will review issues related to **trade, border security and terrorism, drug-trafficking, immigration, and foreign policy that divide and bind the countries at the same time. It will explore North America as a formidable region** that competes against an emerging East Asia and an integrated European Union. Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), integration accelerated among the three countries, but it stalled since 2001 as institutions of governance failed to keep pace with the expanding market. Trade was not enough as the income gap between Mexico and its northern neighbors widened and immigration pressures intensified even before 9/11. We will seek to stretch minds to absorb a compelling new idea - a continental future and new approaches to transnational issues. Students will work by video-conferencing with Mexicans and Canadians to fashion new ideas for a North American Community to present before the next trilateral Summit of North American leaders.

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**Dr. Pastor** was Director of Latin American Affairs on the National Security Council (1977-81) and was nominated Ambassador to Panama under President Bill Clinton. Before coming to AU in 2002, Dr. Pastor was a Fulbright Professor at El Colegio de Mexico and Professor at Emory University and Founding Director of the Carter Center's Latin American and Democracy programs. While in the government, he helped negotiate the Panama Canal Treaties and played a key role in developing Carter's human rights policies. He has also advised Bill Clinton on NAFTA, Mexican Presidents and Legislators on election reform and the deepening of NAFTA, and now advises the US and Mexican governments on the future of North America. He wrote four books on North America, including Limits to Friendship: The US and Mexico, with Jorge Castaneda, who was Foreign Minister under Vicente Fox.

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