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## **Annual Report Prepared for the Organization of American States -**

The Future of the Organization of American States - Viron P. Vaky 1993  
Almost every aspect of American foreign policy has been subject to reexamination in the aftermath of the cold war. The struggle with the Soviet Union was a prism that shaped our perceptions of all international relationships, including those with the nations closest to us. Indeed, the mix of U.S. interests and goals in the Western Hemisphere probably has changed not only in terms of what it was during any previous period. As a practical matter, in this hemisphere the United States has long been what it now is globally, the sole superpower. But its military preponderance did not then mean and does not now mean that it can enforce its will in every nation. Nor does the term superpower turn out to mean that the United States can expect to regain ( or sustain, depending on whose numbers you use) its overwhelming global economic

preeminence. After World War II, the Americas, the one area of long-term U.S. hegemony, provided a justification for continuing an ancient habit of sporadic intervention in the internal affairs of neighboring states. Today, however, we are at an early state of reassessment for the United States and the role we will play in the Americas region in the post-cold war era. Indeed, we are in the process of learning just what such organizations can and cannot do in a world without the certainties of the cold war. In some cases--NATO is the obvious example--it is not at all clear that a given institution will survive in anything like its previous form. In others--the United Nations clearly comes to mind--a broadened and heightened role in the world is already underway, likely to continue, and perhaps even to expand. And still others,--such as the Organization of American States (OAS)--it may be that the sort of partnership often described in rhetoric now has a chance to become reality. This volume focuses on the special challenges facing the OAS in the post-cold war era. It's authors

identify new opportunities for the institution to extend its reach beyond the limited and often unpopular role it played in the past. They explain the significant limitations it still faces, as well: Viron P. Vaky, a former U.S. ambassador to several Latin American countries, examines structural and procedural issues and offers suggestions for improving the effectiveness of the OAS in hemispheric relations. Heraldo Muoz, Chile's ambassador to the OAS, provides an insider's perspective as he discusses the evolving mission of the OAS and focuses on what he sees as its central tasks: the defense of democracy in the region.

*Source Book of Alternative Technologies for Freshwater Augmentation in Latin America and the Caribbean* - 1999

UN sales no. E.99.III.D.79. Prepared in collaboration with Department of Regional Development and Environment; General Secretariat, Organization of American States.

**Guide, Outline, and Expanded Tables for the Official Records Series of the Organization of American States** - Organization of American States 1961

**United States Code** - United States 1952

**Problems and Prospects of the Organization of American States** - Henry Hyunwook Han 1987

In order to put the intractable problems and uncertain future the O.A.S. is facing in a more manageable perspective, the author, with the help of the Organization's two successive Secretaries-General Alejandro Orfila and Joao Clemente Baena Soares, met with leading figures in all the Member States in and out of their governments. In this book these leaders shed much light on whether the O.A.S. should be disbanded or not, its general and specific problems, U.S. and Latin America, U.S. in the Organization, Member States' bilateralism, and subregional approaches. And, there is a near unanimous consensus among them of the need for further reforming the Organization. Lastly, a need for - baptizing- an already-existing -inter-American co-prosperity sphere programme- by the Member States, is stressed. The Organization has to

serve the programme as its main instrument for all the -Americans- everywhere in the Hemisphere."

**Organization of American States** - 2015

**Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States** - National Research Council 2009-07-29

Scores of talented and dedicated people serve the forensic science community, performing vitally important work. However, they are often constrained by lack of adequate resources, sound policies, and national support. It is clear that change and advancements, both systematic and scientific, are needed in a number of forensic science disciplines to ensure the reliability of work, establish enforceable standards, and promote best practices with consistent application. *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward* provides a detailed plan for addressing these needs and suggests the creation of a new government entity, the National Institute of Forensic Science, to establish and enforce standards within the forensic science community. The benefits of improving and regulating the forensic science disciplines are clear: assisting law enforcement officials, enhancing homeland security, and reducing the risk of wrongful conviction and exoneration. *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States* gives a full account of what is needed to advance the forensic science disciplines, including upgrading of systems and organizational structures, better training, widespread adoption of uniform and enforceable best practices, and mandatory certification and accreditation programs. While this book provides an essential call-to-action for congress and policy makers, it also serves as a vital tool for law enforcement agencies, criminal prosecutors and attorneys, and forensic science educators.

**National Security and United States Policy Toward Latin America** - Lars Schoultz 2014-07-14

Lars Schoultz proposes a way for all those interested in U.S. foreign policy fully to appreciate the terms of the present debate. To understand U.S. policy in Latin America, he contends, one must critically examine the deeply held beliefs of U.S. policy makers about what Latin America

means to U.S. national security. Originally published in 1987. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

*The Longest Line on the Map* - Eric Rutkow 2019-01-08

From the award-winning author of *American Canopy*, a dazzling account of the world's longest road, the Pan-American Highway, and the epic quest to link North and South America, a dramatic story of commerce, technology, politics, and the divergent fates of the Americas in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The Pan-American Highway, monument to a century's worth of diplomacy and investment, education and engineering, scandal and sweat, is the longest road in the world, passable everywhere save the mythic Darien Gap that straddles Panama and Colombia. The highway's history, however, has long remained a mystery, a story scattered among government archives, private papers, and fading memories. In contrast to the Panama Canal and its vast literature, the Pan-American Highway—the United States' other great twentieth-century hemispheric infrastructure project—has become an orphan of the past, effectively erased from the story of the "American Century." *The Longest Line on the Map* uncovers this incredible tale for the first time and weaves it into a tapestry that fascinates, informs, and delights. Rutkow's narrative forces the reader to take seriously the question: Why couldn't the Americas have become a single region that "is" and not two near irreconcilable halves that "are"? Whether you're fascinated by the history of the Americas, or you've dreamed of driving around the globe, or you simply love world records and the stories behind them, *The Longest Line on the Map* is a riveting narrative, a lost epic of hemispheric scale.

**Summitry in the Americas** - Richard E. Feinberg 1997

The 1994 Summit of the Americas, the first such gathering of hemispheric leaders in over a generation, defined a new substantive agenda and architecture for United States-Latin American relations. The summit committed participating countries to negotiate a Free Trade Area of the Americas by 2005 and to defending the region's democratic institutions. This book, whose author actively participated in planning the summit, traces the White House's decision to convene the summit, analyzes the administration's foreign affairs decision making, and details the other countries' diplomatic strategies for contributing to the summit agenda. Feinberg critically assesses post-summit implementation and makes specific recommendations for the second summit, planned for 1998, and for maintaining the momentum for liberalization in the Americas.

**Development of American Regionalism** - Arthur Preston Whitaker 2013-05

International Conciliation, No. 469, March, 1951.

[The International Conferences of American States, 1889-1928](#) - Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Division of International Law 1931

**Advancing U.S. Interests Through the Organization of American States** - United States. Congress. House. Committee on Foreign Affairs. Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere 2018

*Regionalism Versus Multilateralism* - Christopher R. Thomas 2000-09-30  
In today's globalized international system, international and regional organizations can only function effectively within the context of a larger social partnership with governments, the private sectors, and a plethora of increasingly influential interest groups. *Regionalism Versus Multilateralism* seeks to illustrate these new roles by tracing the way the Organization of American States (OAS), the oldest regional organization, has pursued its objectives in the context of evolving hemispheric and international circumstances. It analyzes the impact of these circumstances on the operations, programs and activities of the Organization, and the adjustments and direction which 'metamorphosed'

the regional membership at certain crucial junctures of hemispheric and international evolution. The book does so in three parts: through an historic examination of the objectives of the Organization; a critical analysis of its response over time to the forces of growth, transformation and change; and the projection of what continuing developments might dictate on the future characteristics of the Organization if it is to respond effectively to the needs and aspirations of member states. This book is a collaboration between Christopher R. Thomas and Julian T. Magloire, with both parties contributing equally to its content and preparation.

**The Transformation of the Organization of American States** - Betty Horwitz 2010

This book explores the extent and significance of the transformation of the Organisation of American States since 1991: its roots, the reasons for and extent of its emergence, and the role that the organisation currently plays in the promotion of regional governance.

*The Organization of American States* - Charles Ghequiere Fenwick 1963

**The Organization of American States (OAS)** - Mônica Herz  
2011-04-25

The Organization of American States (OAS) is the world's oldest regional multifunctional organization. This work provides a clear and comprehensive discussion of this important body, dealing with security, technical cooperation, and the construction of democratic institutions. Providing an incisive analysis of the history, decision making procedures, relevance, functions, and operations of the OAS, this book also examines the organization in the context of the web of international and regional institutions that deal with global governance and international politics in the Western Hemisphere. In this accessible and concise text, Mônica Herz seeks to move beyond the well-studied roles of the OAS as a tool of foreign policy and assess the increasing significance of its independent normative and operational activities. Providing an important resource to those seeking to fully understand the activities and impact of the OAS, this work will be essential reading for all students of Latin American politics, international organization, and global governance.

**Program of Technical Cooperation of the Organization of American States** - Inter-American Economic and Social Council

*The Organization of American States as the Advocate and Guardian of Democracy* - Rubén M. Perina 2015-09-25

This book presents a comprehensive analysis of the Organization of American States' new role in promoting and defending democracy in the Americas; examines how exactly it performs its role among its member states; points out the tensions, weaknesses and shortcomings that constrain its performance, and suggests ways of strengthening it. *Charter of the Organization of American States* - Organization of American States 1989

**The Organization of American States** - O. Carlos Stoetzer 1993

"...A comprehensive, current survey and analysis of the OAS. In an accessible narrative the author traces the development of the Inter-American system....A careful, detailed study which convincingly argues for an increased role for the OAS in hemispheric affairs." **Choice Integrated Energy Development** - Michele L. McNabb 1988

**21st Century Democracy Promotion in the Americas** - Jorge Heine  
2014-09-19

This volume examines the promotion and defense of democracy in the Americas. Taking the Inter-American Democratic Charter (IADC) of 2001 as a baseline, it charts the evolution of the issue over the past decade. Although it considers historical antecedents, the main focus of the book is on key instances of promotion and defense of democracy in the Western hemisphere since the adoption of the IADC. It analyzes democratic norms, norm enforcement mechanisms and how they work in practice. Special attention is paid to the 2009 Honduras coup, the issues raised by it and the debates that surrounded it, as this was the first instance in which a member state was suspended in accordance with the IADC. Three central themes guide the analysis: the nature of challenges to democracy in Latin America; the role of regional organizations as

democracy promoters; and the transformation of Inter-American relations. The book unveils the key achievements and limitations of the OAS in the field and will be of great interest to students and scholars of democratization, US-Latin American relations, international relations of Latin-America and international organizations.

**Canada in the Organization of American States** - David Clark MacKenzie 1994

**The Organization of American States and the United Nations** - Pan American Union. Department of Legal Affairs 1960

Costa Rica - 1966

*The Politics of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Latin America* - Joseph Pozsgai-Alvarez 2021-11-30

This book investigates the history, development, and current state of anti-corruption agencies in Latin America. In recent decades, specialized anti-corruption agencies have sprung up as countries seek to respond to corruption and to counter administrative and political challenges. However, the characteristics, resources, power, and performance of these agencies reflect the political and economic environment in which they operate. This book draws on a range of case studies from across Latin America, considering both national anti-corruption bodies and agencies created and administered by, or in close coordination with, international organizations. Together, these stories demonstrate the importance of the political will of reformers, the private interests of key actors, the organizational space of other agencies, the position of advocacy groups, and the level of support from the public at large. This book will be a key resource for researchers across political science, corruption studies, development, and Latin American Studies. It will also be a valuable guide for policy makers and professionals in NGOs and international organizations working on anti-corruption advocacy and policy advice.

**Activities of the Organization of American States Related to**

**Human Settlements** - Organization of American States. General Secretariat 1976

**Statutes** - Inter-American Economic and Social Council 1963

**Organization of American States** - Craig Nefstead 2013

The Organization of American States (OAS) is the oldest multilateral regional organization in the world. It was founded in 1948 by the United States and 20 Latin American nations to serve as a forum for addressing issues of mutual concern. Over time, the organization expanded to include all 35 independent countries of the Western Hemisphere (though Cuba currently is excluded from participation). The organization's areas of focus have also shifted over time, evolving in accordance with the priorities of its member states. Today, the OAS concentrates on four broad objectives: democracy promotion, human rights protection, economic and social development, and regional security cooperation. It carries out a wide variety of activities to advance these goals, often providing policy guidance and technical assistance to member states. This book provides an overview of the OAS history and issues for Congress, with a focus on illicit drug trafficking and terrorism issues. *Regional Organizations and Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law* - Sören Stapel 2022

This book explores when, why, and how regional organizations adopt and design institutions to promote and protect fundamental standards of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in their member states. These regional institutions have spread globally. While their institutional designs have become increasingly similar over time, regional particularities persist. The book identifies factors that generate the demand for regional institutions and shape its institutional design. The argument combines hitherto juxtaposed explanatory factors of demands and diffusion by integrating them in a single framework and clarifying under what conditions the interplay between demands and diffusion plays out in the adoption and design of regional institutions. The book provides a comprehensive overview of regional democracy, human

rights, and rule of law institutions based on two original datasets and draws on multivariate statistical analysis as well as case studies on the making and change of regional institutions in the Organization of American States and the Organization of African Unity/African Union. Soren Stapel is postdoctoral researcher at the University of Freiburg, Germany. His research interests include global and regional governance, norm and policy diffusion, human rights, and overlapping regionalism. He recently published *Comparing Regional Organizations* (Bristol University Press, 2020, with Diana Panke and Anna Starkmann).

**Statute** - Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission 1963

[The Organization of American States](#) - Otto Carlos Stoetzer 1966

**The Inter-American Agenda and Multilateral Governance** - Inter-American Dialogue (Organization). Study Group on Western Hemisphere Governance 1997

*Sixth General Assembly of the Organization of American States, Santiago, Chile, 1976* - United States. Department of State 1976

**Council on Foreign Relations** - 2020

**Cooperation, Conflict and Consensus in the Organization of American States** - C. Shaw 2005-03-31

This book examines conflict resolution efforts in Latin America by the Organization of American States (OAS) over the past fifty years by exploring the relationship of the United States with other member states

within the context of the OAS. The book focuses on the impact of institutional factors on the influence that member states are able to wield within the organization. This innovative theoretical approach yields general insights into organizational behaviour and interstate relations within an international organization. The examination of thirty-one cases provides a wealth of empirical data and facilitates cross case comparisons.

*Annals of the Organization of American States* - Organization of American States 1956

*The Europa Directory of International Organizations 2021* - Europa Publications 2021-07-29

The Europa Directory of International Organizations 2021 serves as an unequalled one-volume guide to the contemporary international system. Within a clear, unique framework the recent activities of all major international organizations are described in detail. Given alongside extensive background information the reader is able to assess the role and evolving functions of these organizations in today's world. The contact details, key personnel and activities of more than 2,000 international and regional entities have again been thoroughly researched and updated for this 23rd edition. Highlights in this edition include: - a fully revised Who's Who section with biographical details of the key players in the international system. - the response of the international community to crises and conflicts throughout the world. - specially-commissioned introductory essays cover topics including global environmental governance, transboundary water management, and multilateral governance and global action on health.