

Preface

This book is the consequence of a year-long policy research project in the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS) at the University of Texas at Austin. Structured in the form of a sustained dialogue, discussion was focused around formal presentations by Brazilian specialists followed by informal meetings between them and advanced students engaged in policy research. The specialists also reviewed and commented on the work under way. The papers selected for publication here represent a continuation of that dialogue; they constitute a cross section of the work presented by seminar participants and papers finalized afterward in the United States and Brazil.

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