

## IATRC

### ICAE/IAAE Pre-Congress Symposium

Rafraim Convention Center

Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

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#### **Title**

*Globalization, Macroeconomic Imbalances and South America's Potential to be the World's Food Basket*

#### **Co-Sponsors**

International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium

The Farm Foundation

Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy, University of Minnesota

#### **Organizers**

Terry Roe, University of Minnesota

Munisamy Gopinath, Oregon State University

#### **Program Description**

This symposium, in the "spirit" of the late G. Edward Schuh, seeks to link the macroeconomics of South American countries and Mexico to the performance and potential of the agricultural sector, in the context of global imbalances and climate change. Following a short presentation regarding Dr. Schuh's contribution to the macroeconomics of agriculture in general and Brazil in particular, the program will have two keynote speakers: one to open the morning session and one to open the afternoon session. They will provide the setting within which speakers will focus on agriculture and natural resources. The morning session will focus on fiscal/monetary policy and agriculture. The afternoon session will focus on agricultural and economic growth policy and trade patterns. A panel discussion will conclude the symposium.

#### **Tentative Program and Paper Topics**

- ❖ *Opening Remarks Including Ed Schuh's Contribution*  
Eliseu Alves, Former Director of EMBRAPA, Brazil  
Neil Conklin, Farm Foundation

#### *Morning: Fiscal/Monetary Policy and Agriculture*

- ❖ *Keynote Address*  
Jose Antonio Ocamp, Columbia University (invited)  
"Time for a Visible Hand: Lessons for Latin America from the 2008 World Financial Crisis"
- ❖ Fernando Homem de Melo, FEA-USP (invited)  
"Will more agriculturally friendly fiscal and monetary policies help un-tap Brazil's potential to feed the world?"
- ❖ Ramon Lopez, University of Maryland (confirmed)  
"Fiscal spending and the environment: theory and empirics"

#### *Afternoon: Agricultural and Economic Growth Policy and Trade Patterns*

- ❖ *Keynote address*  
Timothy Kehoe, University of Minnesota (confirmed)  
"Why have reforms in many South American countries not generated growth?"

- ❖ Alberto Valdes, The World Bank (confirmed)  
“Policy interventions affecting agriculture in selected South American economies”
- ❖ Geraldo Sant’Ana de Camargo Barros, Esalq/USP (confirmed)  
“Agricultural and economic growth sources and trade pattern: the case of Brazil”
- ❖ *Panel Discussion*

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