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FORUM

*View from Across the Border:  
A Mexican Perspective*

**Dr. Rafael Fernandez de Castro**

**Saturday, October 11, 2008, 4:00 pm  
National Hispanic Cultural Center, Wells Fargo Auditorium**

***We Americans can neither understand, nor resolve many of our complicated societal problems including illegal immigration, gun and drug smuggling from across our southern border until we carefully listen and give due consideration to the other side of the equation – Mexico.***

**Dr. Rafael Fernandez de Castro, foreign policy advisor to Mexican president Felipe Calderón,** will give a Mexican, and, in a broader sense, a Latin American perception of changes in US Latino communities, as well as the current state of US relations with Mexico and Latin America. He will pay special attention to Mexico's reaction and adjustment to the new US immigration environment.

Rafael Fernández de Castro is the Founder, Chair and Professor of the Department of International Studies at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (currently on leave). He earned a BA in Political Science at ITAM, a Master's in Public Policy at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of the University of Texas at Austin, and a PhD in Political Science from Georgetown University.

Dr. Fernández de Castro is an expert on the bilateral relationship between Mexico and the United States, as well as on Mexican foreign policy. He has published numerous articles and several books, including *United States and Mexico: Between Partnership and Conflict* with Jorge Domínguez, *The Controversial Pivot: The U.S. Congress and North America* with Robert Pastor and *Anuario México en el Mundo: Los desafíos para México en 2001; Cambio y continuidad en la política exterior de México* (2002), *En la frontera del Imperio* (2003) and *La agenda internacional de México 2006-2012* (2006). He is also co-coordinator of the Routledge Press Series on Contemporary Inter-American Relations since 2000. Furthermore, he has taken part in important forums such as the Binational Panel on Migration, which published the *U.S.-Mexico Binational Study on Migration*, and the World Economic Forum (Davos-2007) as both panelist and moderator. Rafael Fernández de Castro is active in the printed media. Not only is he the editor of *Foreign Affairs en Español*, the sister magazine of *Foreign Affairs*, but he also has a column in the weekly magazine *Proceso* and in the newspaper *Excélsior*, two of the most important printed media in Mexico.

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