



Lessons from NAFTA

BUILDING A NEW FAIR TRADE AGENDA

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In January, the final provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will go into effect. Nearly 14 years since NAFTA's ratification, the trade agreement that has served as blueprint for U.S. trade and investment is still as controversial as ever.

NAFTA has driven major changes in agriculture, including the loss of family farmers in all three countries, price-depressing export dumping, and increased market power of agribusiness companies. While NAFTA was supposed to improve border relations, the trade agreement's impact on Mexico's agricultural economy has played a major role in increased immigration into the U.S. It allowed corporations to sue nation states, giving them more power than ever. It has led to environmental degradation that needs real solutions.

Join activists, researchers and policymakers from the U.S., Canada and Mexico to review how NAFTA has affected all three countries, learn about efforts to expand NAFTA, and exchange ideas on a new fair trade agenda. Specifically, the conference will look at how NAFTA has impacted: workers and labor, the environment, family farmers, immigration and human rights. We'll also explore how biofuels are changing the post-NAFTA landscape, and what the new Security and Prosperity Partnership could mean for the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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