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Twenty of the world's top scholars who are writing the definitive history of Latin America from the 1930s to the 1980s will gather at the University of California, San Diego, from Feb. 27-March 1.

These experts will discuss their contributions to Volume VI of the eight-volume "Cambridge History of Latin America," to be published by Cambridge Press.

Scholars consider that the Cambridge History is destined to become the most important source of historical information on those countries. Volumes I and II (Colonial Latin America) and Volume III (Independence to 1870) were published during the past year. Volumes IV and V (1870-1930) are forthcoming. The sixth through eighth volumes, still unpublished, will cover post-1930s history.

The sessions will include, "The International Economy and Latin American Economies," "Population Changes since 1930," "Agrarian Structures and Rural Social Movements since 1930," "Latin America's Relations with the United States since 1930," "The Development of State Organization in Latin America since 1930," and "Women in Twentieth-Century Latin America."

Many of the authors of the seventh and eighth volumes, which deal with the history of the individual countries and the cultural and intellectual developments of that era, will also attend.

Dr. Leslie Bethell, a professor of history at University College, London, is the editor of the History. He is currently visiting UCSD to teach a course on the history of Brazil.

Bethell says, "The meeting will be an enormous contribution to the overall quality of this volume. The authors will be presenting their material to each other and expecting comments on their chapters from other distinguished colleagues."

Bethell said, "Some authors have nearly finished products, while others have had to produce good working first drafts for the conference." Each chapter contains approximately 30,000 words. The final three volumes of the Cambridge History will be published in 1988.

The conference is being sponsored by UCSD's Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS) and by the Tinker Foundation. For additional information about the conference and its participants, contact CILAS director Paul Drake at 452-6049, or Leslie Bethell at 452-6087.

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