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The California State Senate Select Committee on the Pacific Rim will hold a hearing on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Friday, Jan. 22 at the University of California, San Diego. The special hearing is being hosted by UCSD's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the IR/PS Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

The Senate Committee, which is chaired by State Senator Art Torres, (D-Los Angeles), will hear testimony from several UCSD experts on the potential impacts of NAFTA in San Diego and California, as well as in the U.S., Mexico and worldwide. The committee will use the information provided at the hearing to provide the Clinton Administration with recommendations on NAFTA, especially as it relates to possible impacts on California.

UCSD experts providing testimony will include: Lawrence Krause, Pacific Economic Cooperation Professor at IR/PS, who will discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by NAFTA for the San Diego region; Peter Smith, director of UCSD's Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, whose testimony will focus on the political implications of NAFTA on Mexico; Gabriel Szekely, a senior fellow at UCSD's Center for U.S.- Mexican Studies and an international business consultant, who will address the challenges and opportunities NAFTA could bring to California and foreign businesses; and James Rauch, professor of economics, who will explain the possible effects of NAFTA on U.S. and regional income distribution.

Parking permits are required on the UCSD campus. They can be purchased for a nominal fee at the Gilman Drive and Northview entrances to the campus.

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