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2008 Bacardi Family Lecture

“Winners and Losers in Free Trade Agreements: The View from the South”

Ottón Solís

Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar in Latin American Studies

With comments by Dr. Mark Rosenberg
Chancellor, State University System of Florida

4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Presidents' Room

Emerson Alumni Hall

Professor Ottón Solís, an economist, has been Costa Rica's Minister of Planning and Economic Policy and a congressman. He is the founding president of the Citizens Action Party and has twice been a presidential candidate, losing the 2006 elections by less than one percent of the vote. He led the opposition to Costa Rica's signing of the Central American Free Trade Agreement with the United States in the fall 2007 referendum in that country. Solís is the author of two books on ethics in government and scores of newspaper articles and opinion pieces on this topic as well as on national development policies. His current research is on the impact of free trade agreements on development and democracy.

Dr. Mark Rosenberg, a political scientist, was the founding director of the Latin America and Caribbean Center, and former Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Florida International University. He is the co-author of *The United States and Central America: Geopolitical Realities and Regional Fragility* (2007).