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On October 5, 2001, the *Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business* sponsored and hosted a symposium entitled "The Changing Labor Markets of the Western Hemisphere: Labor Issues Relating to the Free Trade Areas of the Americas (FTAA)." In the following issue of the *Journal*, we are pleased to present the papers resulting from that symposium. The *Journal* believes this topic to be of current significance in today's global economy and that the articles provide insight on this issue not found elsewhere.

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