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## Preface

The papers included in this book address the experiences of the most important economies in South America and Europe –Argentina, Brazil, and Germany- regarding how they cope with globalization at the turn of the century.

The main interest in comparing the national perspectives is to understand which are the common challenges of a highly internationalized economic world, which are the differences in the shocks the countries are subject to, and how they react to the specific economic policy problems.

The issues were presented and discussed in a Seminar held in Vaquerías, Córdoba, República Argentina, between September 27th and October 1st, 2002. This Seminar was one of the activities of the Academic Co-operation Program among the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, República Argentina, the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and the Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.

In the Opening Ceremony, held at the Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, the Dean Hebe Goldenhersch talked about "Scientific cooperation, freedom of thought and opening of the minds", and Ulrich Peter Ritter, from the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main about co-operation between the participating universities in "The Arnoldshain Seminars: past, present and future".

Two round tables were held. The first one, under the coordination of Héctor Gertel focused on *Comparative experiences of curricular reform*; the topic was discussed by Heinz Isermann: "Recent and future reforms of studies in Economics and Business Administration", and Juan Novara: "The last curricular reform – an unfinished project".

The second panel that discussed *Comparative experiences in Social Security Systems*, was coordinated by Roland Eisen. After the opening conference by the Coordinator, about "Social Security Systems. Perspectives for the next decades in countries of different level of development", Walter Schulthess considered "Pension systems. The international experience and the changes

in Argentina in the 90's", and Dimitrios Gotsis: "Social Security reforms in Eastern Europe - experiences from Poland".

Alexander Elsas presented a tutorial which covered modern communication techniques like navigation, file uploading, discussions, and meetings with the purpose of bettering the ways of working among researchers of the different Universities.

Rinaldo A. Colomé and Héctor R. Gertel (Córdoba), Roland Eisen and Gerriet Müller (Frankfurt), and Basilia Aguirre (Sao Paulo) constituted the Scientific Committee.

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