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## **Perception of the European Union in the World: Selected cases in Latin America and other regions**

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Abstract

The relations between the European Union and Latin America have been subjected to very different processes and changes, related to the different integration schemes and, in recent times, to the European economic crisis. The main objective in this research is to explore the image of the European Union in Latin America, taking into account both the opinion of the political elites and also of the citizens. Among other research tools used are a review of the legal framework, the historical background, and the mechanisms to foster the cooperation and the mutual understanding between these two regions.

Dialogue/Comments:

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- **Nilda García**
- **Jorge Smith-Carbajal**

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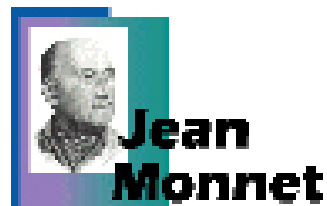
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