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Good afternoon, I am Jim Hoagland and we are now in the process of mounting a challenge to the general lack of attention that is paid to Latin America. My distinguished predecessor, the columnist James Reston, once said that the people of the United States would do anything for the people of Latin America except read about them. I am afraid that Mr. Reston had a point. However today, with the crisis in Venezuela and the political situation in Brazil driving a lot of new interest, coverage and some fears about the course that Latin America is on, a lot of attention is being paid and more and more.

We have four very distinguished panelists to take us through the mysteries of Latin America and to bring us out at the end of this conversation with some questions from you, to guide us into the future.