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Preface

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In presenting papers by North American and European trade specialists with theoretical, empirical, and institutional analyses of some of the major trade issues on which American and European Community officials disagree, the conference aimed to provide a better understanding of the economic causes of the disagreements and to consider various policy options that might assist in resolving these differences. The analyses are also informative for trade policy disputes generally, since many United States-European Community disputes are representative of disagreements within the entire trading system.

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