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- multilingual education programs for immigrants; and
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Housing Policy Debate regular issues are divided into three sections: **Forum**, **Articles**, and **Current Issues**. The **Forum** section features informative debate between leading experts on timely topics through a lead article and responding comment. The **Articles** section presents policy analysis and research, and in **Current Issues** authors have the opportunity to present their ideas on issues in housing, community development, and finance. Articles in the **Forum** and **Articles** sections undergo a double-blind review by members of the Fannie Mae Foundation Housing Research Advisory Board and other respected scholars.

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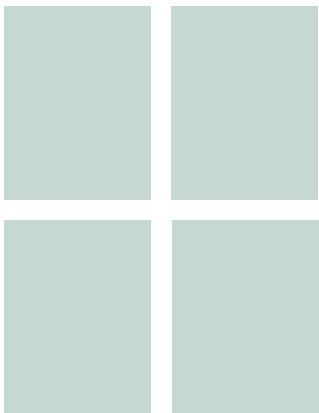
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Editors' Preface

During 1996, the Fannie Mae Foundation participated in two major academic forums that focused on international housing challenges. The conferences featured papers that covered housing needs in North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. This issue of *Housing Policy Debate* features a selection of these articles from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Great Britain. All the articles presented in both international forums are available from the Fannie Mae Foundation upon request.

The Fannie Mae Foundation joined with an American partner (the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials), Canadian partners (the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Canadian Housing and Redevelopment Authority), and British partners (the Chartered Institute of Housing and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation) to sponsor the Tri-Country Conference on Housing and Urban Issues. The conference, held in Montreal and Ottawa, Canada, looked at the challenges low-income housing providers face as they seek to draw private capital to projects that serve a public purpose. On this topic, we feature an American article by Roberto G. Quercia and George C. Galster and a Canadian article by Tom Carter. Those interested in the complete collection of papers presented in the Tri-Country Conference should contact the Foundation and request a copy of the conference proceedings.

The Fannie Mae Foundation, in cooperation with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP), sponsored a Housing and Community Development paper track at the 1996 ACSP-AESOP conference in Toronto. From the housing track we feature international articles on Mexican housing by William J. Siembieda and Eduardo López Moreno and on British housing by Robert Smith, Margaret Griffiths, and Tamsin Stirling. Copies of the 1996 Fannie Mae Foundation ACSP-AESOP housing track conference proceedings are available from the Foundation.



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