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**Abstract**

Globalization is a new worldwide force that is producing deep changes in many sectors of developed and developing societies. These changes may be very positive for those societies that have the elements necessary to channel the strong impacts of globalization. The situation may be less positive for the developing societies that have not evolved such conditions that would allow them to reorient or to limit the negative effects of globalization. The latter situation is typical of many Latin American societies. The best strategy for controlling the force of globalization in Latin America would be the use of distance education and virtual universities that are highly integrated with traditional universities and based upon new informational-telematic paradigms. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)