

# ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY (ASCE)

Tenth Annual Meeting  
Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida  
August 3-5, 2000

## Conference Program

### **The Cuban Economy During the Special Period**

Antonio Elorza, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Antonio Gayoso, Consultant

Manuel David Orrio, Independent Economist, La Habana

### **Macroeconomics**

The Fall and Recovery of the Cuban Economy in the 1990s: Myth or Reality?

Ernesto Hernández-Catá, International Monetary Fund

Discussant: Luis R. Luis, International Research and Strategy Associates

¿Ha recorrido Cuba su propia “V”?

Roberto Orro, Universidad de Guanajuato

Discussant: Ricardo Martínez, Inter-American Development Bank (retired)

Fear of Floating

Carmen Reinhart, University of Maryland, and Guillermo Calvo, University of Maryland

Discussant: Ernesto Hernández-Catá, International Monetary Fund

### **Small and Medium Enterprises**

Small and Medium Enterprises: European Experience and Relevance for Cuba

Antonio Gayoso, Consultant

Evolución y perspectivas de la pequeña empresa no estatal en Cuba

Evaldo Cabarrouy, University of Puerto Rico

Discussant: Guillermo Cueto, U.S.-Cuba Business Council

La descentralización del sector estatal en la agricultura: ¿Gérmen para una reforma empresarial pendiente?

Hans-Jürgen Burchardt, University of Hannover, Germany

Discussant: William Messina, University of Florida

### **External Sector**

Intellectual Property Rights and International Trade in Cuban Products

Joseph M. Perry, University of North Florida

Discussant: Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman

An Evaluation of the U.S. Embargo on Cuba

Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University and Universite Pierre Mendes France-Grenoble II

Discussant: Manuel Lasaga, StratInfo

The 'Understanding' Between the European Union and the U.S. Over Investment in Cuba: *Chapuzza, Pasteleo*,  
Creative Arrangement, or More of the Same?

Joaquín Roy, University of Miami

Discussant: Virgilio Blanco, Middlesex County College

### **Agriculture and Fisheries**

Differences in Agricultural Productivity Between the State and Nonstate Sectors: Further Evidence

José Alvarez, University of Florida

Cuba's Livestock Sector and the Potential Market for U.S. Livestock Genetics

James E. Ross, University of Florida

Discussant: William Kost, U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Cuban Fishing Industry and Recent Changes in Fisheries Management

Charles M. Adams, University of Florida

Discussant: Doug Gregory, University of Florida

### **Balance of Payments**

The Balance of Payments: Concepts and Measurement

Armando Linde, International Monetary Fund

Cuba's Balance of Payments Statistics

Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor

Interpreting Cuba's External Accounts

Emily Morris, The Economist Intelligence Unit

Remittances and the Cuban Balance of Payments

Ernesto Betancourt, Retired public sector reform consultant

Discussant: Joaquín Pujol, IMF Advisor for Central Banks of the Caribbean

### **Environmental Issues**

Land Use in Cuba Before and After the Revolution: Economic and Environmental Implications

Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates

Discussant: José Alvarez, University of Florida

La situación ambiental de Cuba al finalizar el siglo XX

Eudel Eduardo Cepero, Agencia Ambiental Entorno Cubano

Preliminary Environmental Action Plan for a Post-Castro Cuba

Alberto Vega and Federico Poey, USCBC Cuba Transition Project

Discussant: María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University

### **Fiscal and Monetary Issues**

Fiscal Reforms in Transition Economies: Implications for Cuba

Lorenzo Pérez, International Monetary Fund

Poverty, the Budget, and Transition

Mark Gallagher, DevTech Systems

Análisis del Nivel y la Evolución del Gasto Social en Cuba y en América Latina en la Década de los Noventa

Rolando Castañeda, Inter-American Development Bank

Discussant: Rafael Romeu, University of Maryland

## **Globalización vs. Aislamiento en el Contexto Cubano: Patologías, Efectos Sociales y Migratorios y Políticos**

- The Internationalization of Collective Behavior: Lessons from Elián  
Benigno Aguirre, Texas A & M University
- Globalización como Modelo de Desarrollo: Afinidades y Rechazos del Modelo Cubano  
Nelson Amaro, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala
- Cuba's Latest Wave: Political Refugees or Economic Immigrants?  
Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan
- Discussant: Gerardo Martínez-Solana, Instituto Jacques Maritain
- Cuba: La enajenación del trabajo y otras patologías sociales en el año 2000  
Maida Donate Armada, Cuban American National Council
- Discussant: Juan Carlos Espinosa, St. Thomas University

## **Roundtable: Sugar Industry and Markets**

- José F. Alonso, Montgomery County Public Schools
- Pablo A. Carreño, Chemical Engineer
- Carlos Padial, Chemical Engineer
- Oscar Espinosa Chepe, Independent Economist, La Habana
- Diosmel Rodríguez, U.S. Support Group for Independent Cooperatives

## **Foreign Investment**

- Best Business Practices for Foreign Investors in Cuba  
Ambassador Anthony C.E. Quainton, National Planning Association
- Discussant: Ambassador Otto Reich, U.S.-Cuba Business Council
- Telecommunication Investments in Cuba  
Enrique López, A.K.L. Group, Inc.
- Discussant: John Kavulich, U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council
- Habaguanex: Winners and Losers in Restoring Havana's Centro Histórico  
Joseph L. Scarpaci, Virginia Tech
- Discussant: Ana Julia Jatar, Inter-American Dialogue.

## **Student Papers**

- Social Contradictions in Cuba  
Charles Trumbull, Dartmouth College
- Discussant: Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates
- Cuba's 'Baseball Politics': Our Shared National Pastime as a Cultural Means Toward Political Ends  
Christopher Perry, College of the Holy Cross
- Discussant: Jeff Carrera, Catholic University of America
- Last Resort or Bridge to the Future: Tourism and Workers in Cuba's Second Economy  
Ted Henken, Tulane University
- Discussant: Mario Rivera, University of New Mexico

## **Sources of Economic Growth**

- The Decline in Cuba's Total Factor Productivity  
Luis Locay, University of Miami
- Discussant: Moshe Syrquin, University of Miami
- Education's Contribution to Economic Growth in Cuba  
Manuel Madrid-Aris, Florida International University
- Discussant: Nicolás Sánchez, College of the Holy Cross

## **Tourism**

Tourism in Cuba: An Update of Economic Aspects

María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University

A Comparison of Cuba's Tourism Industry with the Dominican Republic and Cancún for the Period 1989-99

Nicolás Crespo, Cuban Society of Tourism Professionals, and Charles Suddaby, Charles Suddaby & Associates, Limited

Sol-Meliá Hotels' Role in Cuba's Tourism Industry

Félix B. Godínez, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Discussant: Artimus Keiffer, Franklin College

## **Panel Discussion: ASCE at Ten—Institutional Growth and Challenges**

Panelists: Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland, ASCE President 1990-92

Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor, ASCE President 1992-94

Antonio Gayoso, Consultant, ASCE President 1996-98

Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates, ASCE President, 1999-2000

Carlos Quijano, World Bank (retired), ASCE President, 2000-02

## **Special Topics**

Best Practices in Latin America Regarding the Regulatory Framework for Power and Telecommunications:  
Implications for Cuba

Juan A.B. Belt, Inter-American Development Bank

Discussant: Luis Locay, University of Miami

Cuban Endophytic Flora as a Potential Source of Bioactive Materials

Larry Daley, Oregon State University

Discussant: James Ross, University of Florida

Some Ideas on University Research in Post Transitional Cuba

Jorge L. Romeu, ITT Research Institute

Discussant: Benigno Aguirre, Texas A&M University.

## **Politics**

A Constitutional Framework for a Free Cuba

Alfred G. Cuzán, The University of West Florida

Microeconomic and Micropolitical Processes in Cuba's Market Transition

Mario A. Rivera, The University of New Mexico

Discussant: Ambassador Mauricio Solaún, University of Illinois

Civil Society in Cuba at the Turn of the Millennium: Achievements and Shortcomings

Juan J. López, University of Illinois at Chicago

Discussant: Andy Gómez, University of Miami

## **The Military in the Economy**

Soldiers and Businessmen: The FAR During the Special Period

Armando F. Mastrapa, Cuba Armed Forces Review

FAR: Mastering Reforms

Domingo Amuchastegui, Independent Researcher

Discussants: José Antonio Font, Font International; Ernesto Betancourt, Retired public sector reform consultant

**Legal Issues**

Cuba's Most Significant Legal Developments During the Special Period: Prospects for Change in a Comparative Context

Stephen Kimmerling

Discussant: Steven Escobar, U.S. Department of Commerce

The Contribution of BITS to Cuba's Foreign Investment Program

Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor, and Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman

Discussant: Juan Carlos Bermúdez, Bermúdez & Tomé

Labor Law Issues and Challenges

Aldo Leiva

Discussant: Gerard Morales, Snell & Wilmer

