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Eleventh Annual Meeting
Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida
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Conference Program

Current Economic and Political Situation

Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh and Florida International University
Brian Latell, Georgetown University

The Transition: Lessons from Russia

Marcelo Selowsky, Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank
Ricardo Lago, Deputy Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Vladimir Mau, Director, Working Centre for Economic Reform, Moscow
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, Associate Director, African Department, International Monetary Fund

Exchange Rate Policies and the Transition—Latin America and Russia

Professor Arnold Harberger, University of California at Los Angeles

Macroeconomics

The Miracle of the Cuban Economy in the 1990s

Ed Canler, Textile Rubber and Chemical Company

Discussant: Antonio Gayoso, Global Expand

Una Visión Alternativa (“no Convencional”) desde Europa Central y Rusia sobre la Experiencia de Transición del Socialismo a una Economía de Mercado de los Antiguos Países Socialistas de Europa Central y de la Unión Soviética

Rolando Castañeda, Inter-American Development Bank

Discussant: Evaldo Cabarrouty, University of Puerto Rico

The Impact of the Helms-Burton Legislation on Foreign Investment in Cuba

Paolo Spadoni, University of Florida

Discussant: John Kavulich, U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council

Civil Society in Cuba

The Emerging Civil Society and the Transition: The Work of Human Rights Organizations

Enrique S. Pumar, William Patterson University

Cuban Culture and Democracy

Aldo Leiva, Wicker Smith

Inside Civil Society: A CEON Study in Cuba

Juan J. López, University of Illinois-Chicago

A Test of Culture of Opposition Theory

Benigno Aguirre, Texas A & M University

Discussants: Juan Carlos Espinosa, St. Thomas University; Alfred G. Cuzán, University of West Florida

Impact of U.S. Economic Sanctions

The Economic Impact of U.S. Sanctions with Respect to Cuba: An Overview

Jonathan Coleman, U.S. International Trade Commission

Discussants: William Messina, University of Florida; Antonio Gayoso, Global Expand; William Trumbull, West Virginia University; Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State; Enrique J. López, AKL Group

Internet and E-Commerce in Cuba

Nelson P. Valdés, University of New Mexico

José Chao, Punto.com

Manny Gonzalez, Miami Internet Alliance

The Internet in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Cuba

Taylor C. Boas, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace/University of California, Berkeley

Discussant: Robert C. Harding, Lynchburg College

Pazos' "Economic Problems of Cuba in the Transition": A Retrospective View

René Monserrat, Inter-American Development Bank (retired)

Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland

Efrén Córdova, Florida International University (retired)

Ernesto Hernández-Catá, International Monetary Fund

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

Matías F. Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman LLP

Agriculture

International Economic Associations in Agriculture: An Update

James E. Ross, University of Florida

Normalizing Trade Relations with Cuba: Sugar May Not Be So Sweet

Jonathan Coleman, U.S. International Trade Commission

Cuba and the Caribbean: A View of Revealed Comparative Advantage

William A. Messina, Jr., University of Florida

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

Transition Issues I

The Economic and Political Liberalization in Former Socialist Countries

Roberto Orro (read by Armando Linde, IMF)

Discussant: Joseph Perry, University of North Florida

Cuba: The Inevitable Disaster to Come

Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State

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

La reforma institucional durante la transición

Ernesto Betancourt, Consultant

Discussant: Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems.

Special Topics

Orographic Influences on Vegetation and Bioprospecting Potential at the Confluence of the Bayamo, Guamá and Guisa Rivers

Larry Daley, Oregon State University

Medicare: A Potential Income-Generating Activity for Cuba in the Future

Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates

Discussant: Ricardo A. Puerta, Consultant

Immigrant Self-Employment: The Role of Social Resources and Social Context among Latin American and Asian Immigrants in the U.S. in 1990

Silvia Pedraza and Salvador Rivas, University of Michigan

Discussant: Mauricio Font, City University of New York.

Nación, Sociedad y Economía en la Cuba Posrevolucionaria

Professor Antonio Jorge, Florida International University and University of Miami

Mesa-Lago's "Market Socialist and Mixed Economies: Comparative Policy and Performance"

Francisco León, CEPAL Consultant

Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems

Juan Belt, Inter-American Development Bank

Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland

Response: Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh and Florida International University

Legal Issues

A Comparative Look at the Foreign Investment Laws of Cuba, Chile and Mexico

Pedro A. Freyre, Esq., Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A.

Assessing the Validity of Cuba's Foreign Investment Law and Practices

Alberto Luzárraga, Esq.

Rights and Remedies Concerning Cuban Residential Property

Stephen Kimmerling, Esq.

An Analysis of Cuba's *Perfeccionamiento Empresarial*,

Matías F. Travieso-Díaz, Esq., Shaw Pittman LLP

Discussants: Patricia Hernández, Esq., Holland & Knight LLP; Luis J. Pérez, Esq., Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A.; Pamela Falk, City University of New York School of Law.

External Sector

Authorized U.S. Investment in Agricultural Sales and Cultural Exchanges

Pamela S. Falk, City University of New York

Discussant: Dennis Hays, Cuban American National Foundation

Circumventing the Embargo: Spain's Economic Relations with Cuba

Eric N. Baklanoff, University of Alabama

Discussant: Kaylin Bailey, National Policy Association

Politics and Government

Much Ado About Something? Regime Change in Cuba

Eusebio Mujal-León and Josh Busby, Georgetown University

Discussant: Brian Latell, Georgetown University

Equipo de Coordinación y Apoyo del Comandante en Jefe: Cuba's Parallel Government?

Armando F. Mastrapa III, CUBAPOLIDATA.COM

Discussant: Ernesto Betancourt, Consultant

Cuba y los Acuerdos del Golfo de México
Jorge Luis Romeu, ITT Research Institute
Discussant: Stuart Lippe, Consultant

Transition Issues II

Socialism and Health Transition in Cuba: A Critical Re-Analysis
Mary Katherine Crabb, Emory University
Discussant: Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals and Associates
Rationed Products and Something Else: Food Availability and Distribution in 2000 Cuba
José Alvarez, University of Florida
Discussant: Juan Carlos Espinosa, St. Thomas University
Olsonian Questions in a Cuban Context
Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems
Discussant: Luis Locay, University of Miami

Tourism

The Cuban Tourism Industry and *Perfeccionamiento Empresarial*
Artimus Keiffer
Cuban Tourism: A Critique of the CEPAL 2000 Report
María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University
Prostitution and Sex Tourism in Cuba
Charles Trumbull, Dartmouth College
Condemned to Informality: The Self-Employed Operators of Cuba's New "Bed and Breakfasts"
Ted Henken, Tulane University
Discussant: Nicolás Crespo, The Phoenix Hospitality and Consulting Group

Socioeconomic Issues

The Impact of Remittances in Cuba: Evidence from Havana
Sarah Blue, UCLA
Discussant: Jorge F. Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor
Race in Cuba
B.E. Aguirre and E. Bonilla Silva, Texas A&M University
Discussant: Enrique Pumar, William Patterson University
Consequences of the Aging of the Cuban Population
Ricardo Donate-Armada
Discussant: René Costales, Inter-American Development Bank

Humanitarian Aid to Cuba in the Special Period

Teo A. Babún, ECHO-Cuba
Juan Carlos Espinosa, St. Thomas University
Thomas Wenski, Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Miami
Discussant: David Mutchler, U.S. Agency for International Development

SESION ESPECIAL EN HONOR A FELIPE PAZOS

Vida y Obra en Cuba

Felipe Pazos como estudiante universitario

Raúl Shelton

La visión de Felipe Pazos sobre la economía cubana

Jorge Freyre

La contribución de Felipe Pazos a la economía cubana

Gonzalo de la Pezuela y Gerardo Canet

La obra económica de Pazos en Cuba y su dimensión latinoamericana

Jorge Salazar-Carrillo

Felipe Pazos y la Democracia en América Latina

Jaime Lusinchi, Ex-Presidente de Venezuela

Contribuciones en Venezuela y América Latina

Crisis financiera en Venezuela: Causas y consecuencias

Cristina Rodríguez

El horizonte abierto de la obra de Felipe Pazos

José Tomás Esteves

Inflación y realidad en América Latina

Francisco García Palacios y Eduardo Mayobre