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Fifteenth Annual Meeting
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Conference Program

Current Economic and Social Situation

Ernesto Hernández-Catá, ASCE President
Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh
Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems
Juan del Aguila, Emory University
Frank Mora, National War College

Institutions and Policies in the Transition

Joaquín Pujol, International Monetary Fund (retired)
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, John Hopkins University
Egor Gaydar, Former Prime Minister, Russian Federation
Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland
Ricardo Lago, Visiting Professor, Florida International University

Structural Issues, Social Capital, and International Economic Relations

Malformaciones Estructurales de la Economía Cubana
Manuel García Díaz, Universidad de Granada,
The Invisible Ruins of a Society: The Case of Social Capital in Cuba
Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems,
Deconstructing ‘Constructive Engagement’: Canada’s Economic Relations with Cuba, 1993-2003
Eric N. Baklanoff and LaShondra Jones, University of Alabama,
Discussants: Armando Linde, IMF; Luis Locay, University of Miami; Julia Sagebien, Dalhousie University

Governance Issues

Raúl Castro and the Changing Face of the Cuban Military
Brian Latell
Una Constitución para la Transición en Cuba
Agustín de Goytisoló, Arán, Correa, Guarch & Shapiro, P.A.
Castro Must Go, But How? A Brief History of Castrology and a Look for the Real Scenarios in Which Castro
Might Leave the Scene
Brian Alexander

Discussants: Domingo Amuchástegui; Alfred Cuzán, University of West Florida; Frank Mora, National War College

Social and Economic Issues

An Assessment of ECLAC's "Política Social y Reformas Estructurales en Cuba a Principios del Siglo XXI"
Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh, and Jorge Pérez-López

La Economía Cubana en Cifras: ¿Una Economía Real o Virtual?
Manuel García Díaz, Universidad de Granada

What's Wrong with Cuba's Equity-Without-Growth Model?
Javier Corrales, Amherst College

Discussants: María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University; Antonio Gayoso; Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland

Energy Issues

Cuba's Energy Challenge

Jorge Piñón Cervera, Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami

Energy Trends in Transition Economies and Their Implications for Cuba

A. F. Alhajji and Terry L. Maris, Center for Cuban Business Studies, Ohio Northern University

La industria cañera (sucro-alcoholera) de Brasil y su interés para inversión en Cuba
Juan Tomás Sánchez

Discussants: Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Dan Erikson, Inter-American Dialogue; Vivian Vizcaíno

Real Estate I: Legal & Regulatory Issues

Real Property Restitution: Risks for Claimants and Investors
Tania Mastrapa, Mastrapa Consultants,

Land Registration in Cuba: Past, Present and Future
Jose Palli, World Wide Title

Tax Implications for U.S. Investors and Restitution Claimants
Timothy Ashby, Duane Morris LLP

Discussant: Nicolás J. Gutierrez, Jr., Borgognoni, Gutiérrez & Arza, LLP

Special Topics

El Caribe Hispano y su Influencia para una Transición en Cuba
Jorge L. Romeu, Syracuse University

Españoles y cubanos: conflictos y estereotipos
Dominga González Suárez, Universidad de Granada

Cuba's Riverine Gallery Forests
Larry Daley, Oregon State University

Discussants: Alfred Cuzán, University of West Florida; Virgilio Blanco, Middlesex County College; Eudel Cepero

Real Estate II: Development Issues and Scenarios

Real Estate Investment: Law & Finance Issues
Antonio Zamora, Hughes & Hubbard,

Zoning and Land Use Issues
Andrés Duany, Duany Plater-Zyberg & Co.,

Condominiums vs. Cooperatives: Possible Roles in the Future Transformation of Havana's Economy
Mario Gonzalez Corzo, Lehman College,

Discussant: Joseph Scarpaci, Virginia Tech

Agricultural Trade: Legal and Economic Issues

The Agricultural Export Facilitation Act of 2005: Its Rationale and Relevance for U.S.-Cuba Trade

Terry L. Maris, Center for Cuban Business Studies, Ohio Northern University

Cuba: The 25th Largest Food and Agricultural Export Market for the United States

William Messina, University of Florida,

Economic Impact of U.S Agricultural Exports to Cuba Using an Applied General Equilibrium Model

Mike O'Connell, University of Florida,

Discussants: Stephen Kimmerling; Brian Alexander; Gary Maybarduk

Economic Reform in Russia: Lessons for Cuba

Egor Gaydar, former Prime Minister, Russian Federation

Economic and Social Evaluation of U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Cuba: Impacts and Alternatives I

The Valuable and Elusive Cultural Component in the Engagement with Cuba

Soren Triff

Ir o no ir, esa no es la cuestión

Eudel Cepero

U.S. Policy Toward Cuba: Will We Get it Right Finally?

Alberto Luzárraga

La actual política exterior de EUA respecto a Cuba: Evaluación y perspectivas

René Monserrat

Discussant: Jorge Sanguinety

Transition Issues

Route Out of Socialism as Path-Dependent Process: Central-Eastern Europe's Experiences and Lessons for Cuba

Ryszard Zukowski, Universidad de las Américas, Mexico

Main Lessons Learned from the Transition to a Market Economy in Latin America, Europe and Asia over the Last 15 Years

Rolando Castañeda

Courts of Special Jurisdiction in a Post-Transition Cuba

Matías Travieso-Díaz and Armando Musa

Discussants: Jennifer Gauck, Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative, American Bar Association;

Alfie Ulloa, Harvard University; Gustavo Arnavat, Hunton & Williams

Economic and Social Evaluation of U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Cuba: Impacts and Alternatives II

USAID's Cuba Program: NGOs and Their Role in Cuba's Transition to Democracy

Felipe Sixto

Implicaciones de la política de Estados Unidos para una transición de Cuba hacia una economía más dinámica

Rolando Castañeda

Which Transition? A Contrarian Perspective on Post-Castro Cuba

Ed Canler

The Report of the Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba: Big Book, Good Advice?

Juan Tomás Sánchez

Discussant: Ricardo Puerta

Informal Sector

Survival Strategies and Economic 'Illegalities' in Cuba

Archibald Ritter, Carleton University

Informal Sector or Second Economy?: Comparative Theoretical Approaches to Cuba's Underground Economy

Ted Henken, Baruch College

Fidel Castro's Net Worth: Conjectures and Approximations

María Werlau, Orbis International

Discussants: Ernesto Hernández-Catá; Katherine Hirschfeld, Oklahoma University

External Sector Issues

Remittances to Cuba: A Survey of Methods and Estimates

Sergio Díaz-Briquets and Jorge Pérez-López

Cuba, China, and Venezuela: New Developments in 2005

Daniel Erikson, Inter-American Dialogue

Assimilation or Transnationalism? Conceptual Models of the Immigrant Experience

Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

Discussants: Ernesto Betancourt; Juan Carlos Espinosa, Miami Dade College

Student Papers

Demystifying a Bilateral Relationship: Rise and Fall of the Mexican-Cuban Political Understanding

Enrique Romero, El Colegio de Mexico

Socialist Citizens and Capitalist Criminals

G. Derrick Hodge, CUNY Graduate Center

Discussants: Joseph Scarpaci, Virginia Tech; Ted Henken, Baruch College

Agriculture

Cuba: Food Processing with an Emphasis on Oilseeds and Soy Food

James Ross, J.E. Ross & Associates, and María Antonia Fernández Mayo,

Historical Overview of Cuba's Costs of Sugar Production

G.B. Hagelberg and José Alvarez

Discussant: Larry Daley, Oregon State University

Intercambio Económico y Social entre Cuba y Venezuela

La alianza cubano-venezolana: Algunos beneficios para el regimen castrista

Hernán Yanes

Las relaciones económicas entre Cuba y Venezuela, con énfasis sobre el sector energético

Gustavo Coronel

La geopolítica del petróleo

Beatrice Rangel