

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY (ASCE)

**Twenty-Third Annual Meeting
The Miami Hilton Downtown
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Conference Program Reforming Cuba?

An Overview of Reforms

Chair: Joaquín Pujol, IMF (retired)
Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh
Rolando H. Castañeda, IDB (retired)
René Gómez Manzano, attorney
Emilio Morales, The Havana Consulting Group

Implications of Reforms

Chair: Carlos Quijano, World Bank (retired)
Archibald Ritter, Carleton University, “The Potential and Pitfalls of Cuba’s Move Toward Non-Agricultural Cooperatives”
Vegard Bye, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, “Political Implications of Economic Reforms”
Armando Chaguaceda, Universidad Veracruzana, “Cuba: políticas de participación y prácticas de autonomía en tiempo de reformas”
Maria Werlau, “Updating the Model: Where is Cuba Heading?”

Reforms and the External Sector

Chair: Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University
Richard Feinberg, “FDI in Cuba: Old Obstacles and New Opportunities”
Jordan Valdés, Small Business Administration, “Small Business Development in the Export Context”
Gabriel Di Bella, Rafael Romeu & Andy Wolfe, IMF, “Cuba’s External Trade: What Do the Data Say?”

What Needs to be Done to Promote Growth and Opportunities in Cuba?

Chair: Lorenzo Pérez, IMF (retired)
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, IMF (Retired), Macroeconomic Framework: Fiscal, Monetary, and Exchange Rate Policy
Luis R. Luis, Independent Consultant, Capital Market Access, External Debt Restructuring, & FDI

Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems, The Rule of Law and Lessons from the Former Soviet Union
Antonio Gayoso, George Washington University, Policy Reforms in the Agricultural Sector

Ernesto Betancourt Keynote Address

George J. Borjas, Harvard University, “Immigration and Economics: Lessons for Policy”

Legal Issues

Chair: Stephen Kimmerling, Attorney, Consultant

Larry Catá Backer, The Dickinson School of Law, The Pennsylvania State University, “Legal Constraints on Economic Activity—Reforming Cuban Corporate and Cooperative Law”

Daniel Buigas, Attorney, Leiva Law P.A., “The Electoral System in a Democratic Cuba”

Antonio Zamora, Florida International University College of Law, “The Legal Relations Between the U.S. and Cuba”

Laritzta Diversent, Cuban Attorney and Blogger, “Aspectos legales y sociales de las reformas migratorias recientes”

Cuba-Venezuela Economic Issues

Chair: Armando Linde, IMF (retired)

Gabriel Di Bella, Rafael Romeu & Andy Wolfe, IMF, “Venezuela’s Economic Risks and Their Regional Impact”

Rolando H. Castañeda, IDB (retired), “La Economía Venezolana en 2013: Situación, Perspectivas e Implicaciones”

Domingo Amuchástegui, “Cuba: The Impact of Venezuela”

External Relations

Chair: Larry Catá Backer, The Pennsylvania State University

Roger B. Betancourt, “Should the U.S. Lift the Embargo? Yes, It Already Did and It Depends”

Luis R. Luis, “Cuba: External Debt and Finance in the Context of Limited Reforms”

Ernesto Hernández-Catá, “Cuba, the Soviet Union and Venezuela: A Tale of Dependence and Shock”

Student Papers

Chair: Enrique Pumar, The Catholic University of America

Margarita Giraldo and Seth Marini, University of Miami, “Biohydrogen as an Alternative Energy Source for Cuba”

Daniel Pedreira, George Mason University, “Cuba’s Prospects for a Military Oligarchy”

Roberto Armengol, University of Virginia, “Competitive Solidarity and the Political Economy of Invento”

Jared M. Genova, University of Texas “¡Hasta la utopía siempre! Conflicting utopian ideologies in Havana’s late socialist housing market”

Emily Snyder, University of Florida, “The Fist of Lázaro is the Fist of His Generation: Lázaro Saavedra and New Cuban Art as Dissidence”

Roberto Gonzalez, University of North Carolina, “Infant Mortality in Cuba: Myth and Reality”

Revolution and Economic Development

Chair: Ramon Barquín III, Barquín International Corporation

Gary Maybarduk, “Four Revolutions and Their Current and Future Aftermath: Argentina, Nicaragua, Venezuela and Cuba”

Jorge A. Sanguinetti, DevTech Systems, Inc. and Development Research Center, “Cuba’s Economic Policies: Development or Subsistence?”

Silvia Pedraza and Carlos Romero, “Cuba and Venezuela: Revolution and Reform”

Sectoral Issues

Chair: Helena Solo-Gabriele, University of Miami

Emilio Morales & Joseph L. Scarpaci, The Havana Consulting Group, “Real Estate in Cuba: A Half-hearted Opening”

Mario González-Corzo, Lehman College, “Estonia’s Post-Soviet Agricultural Reforms: Experience and Lessons for Cuba?”

Conversation on Cuban Civil Society Today

Chair: Geni Gómez, Etrade Financial

Roberto Veiga and Lenier González, Co-Editors, Espacio Laical, “El Laboratorio Casa Cuba y el documento ‘Cuba soñada—Cuba posible—Cuba futura: propuestas para nuestro porvenir inmediato’”

José Luis Leyva Cruz, Universidad de Camagüey, “Proyecto Despertando Líderes: Una alternativa para la formación de líderes de excelencia en Cuba”

Antonio Rodiles and Alexis Jardines, Estado de Sats, “La demanda ciudadana Por Otra Cuba y los obstáculos para un diálogo nacional inclusivo”

Yociel Marrero, Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez Sobre la Naturaleza y el Hombre, “Economistas y Politólogos, Blogueros y Sociólogos: y quién habla de los Recursos Naturales?”

Social Networks in Cuba

Chair: Ted Henken, CUNY Baruch College

Soren Triff, “Change from Below and Reform from Above: The Cuban Blogosphere as a Space of Contention/Persuasion”

Ted Henken, Baruch College, “Internet, Public Sphere, and Cuban Civil Society: Navigating between the Scylla of State Capture and the Charybdis of Foreign Support”

Nora Gámez, “Technology Domestication, Cultural Public Sphere, and Popular Music in Contemporary Cuba”

Emily Parker, New America Foundation, “Internet and Society in China and Cuba: A Comparative Look”

Demography and Social Issues

Chair: Maria Werlau

Enrique Pumar, The Catholic University of America, “Poverty and its Effect on Social Control”

Rodolfo Stusser, “Cuba’s health care policies’ long tradition: Implications of results for other nations”

Sergio Díaz-Briquets, “A Century of Cuban Demographic Interactions”

Entrepreneurship in Cuba

Chair: José Ramón de la Torre, Florida International University

Ted Henken, Baruch College, “En cada barrio, merolicos; en cada pantalla revolico.com: Can Raúl’s Reforms Keep Up with the Cuban People’s Entrepreneurial Ingenuity?”

Karina Gálvez, Instituto Politécnico de Economía Rafael Ferro, Pinar del Río, “El Trabajo Por Cuenta Propia en la Cuba Contemporánea: Oportunidades Nuevas y Trabas Latentes en las Fuerzas Productivas”

Felipe Manteiga, “La pequeña y mediana empresa: aliada potencial a la apertura económica cubana bajo la Administración de Raúl Castro”

William A. Messina and Frederick S. Royce, University of Florida, “Cuba’s Agricultural Production Cooperatives: Feeling Adam Smith’s Invisible Hand or Central Planning’s Inescapable Backhand?”

Diaspora Issues

Chair: Jorge Duany, Florida International University

Juan Antonio Blanco, Miami Dade College, “Cuba: ¿remesas de conocimiento?”

María Dolores Espino, “Diaspora Tourism in Cuba: Performance, Potential and Impact”

Juan Luis Aguiar Muxella and Luis E. Mejer Sarra, “La trayectoria del Colegio Farmacéutico Cubano en el Exilio”