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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Panel Discussion: The Current Situation
José F. Alonso (USIA-OCB-Office of Research, Radio Martí)
Alvaro Alba (Consultant)
Enrique Baloyra (University of Miami)

Recent Economic Reforms in Cuba
Markets, the State and Corruption in a Reform Process: Cuba
Roger Betancourt (University of Maryland)
Julio Caranza and Pedro Monreal on Economic Change in Cuba: A Critique
Ernesto Hernández-Catá (International Monetary Fund)
Institutional Requirements for Successful Market Reforms
Luis Locay (University of Miami)
Coveting Beijing, but Imitating Moscow: Cuba’s Economic Reforms in Perspective
Jorge F. Pérez-López (U.S. Department of Labor)
Evaluation of Changes in Economic Policy in Cuba
Jorge Sanguinetty (DEVTECH, Inc.)

Panel: The Trade Impact — Florida After a Free Cuba
Teo Babún (T. Babún Group)

Trade, Investment, and Financial Markets
Financing the Economic Reconstruction of Cuba While Rebuilding the Financial Sector: Perspectives on Development Banking
Manuel Lasaga (Strategic Information Analysis, Inc.)
Discussant: Ricardo C. Martínez (Inter-American Development Bank)
Banking in Transition
Alberto Luzárraga (Amerinvest Corp.)
Discussant: Lorenzo L. Pérez (International Monetary Fund)
Markets in the Cuba of Today and of the Future
Markets Redux: The Politics of Farmers’ Markets in Cuba
   Juan Carlos Espinosa (University of Miami)
Discussant: Antonio Gayoso (World Council of Credit Unions)
On the New Economic Geography of Havana’s Food and Paladar Markets
   Joseph L. Scarpaci (Virginia Tech University)
Discussant: Nicolás Crespo (Cuban Society of Tourism Professionals)
Small Business Development in Post-Transition Cuba
   Joseph M. Perry, Louis A. Woods, Jeffrey W. Steagall (University of North Florida)
Discussant: José M. Ruisanchez (World Bank, Retired)

Macroeconomic and Fiscal Issues
A First Approximation Model of Money, Prices and Exchange Rates in Revolutionary Cuba
   José F. Alonso (Radio Martí) and Armando M. Lago (Consultant)
Discussant: Fernando Alvarez (Babson College)
La crisis de las finanzas públicas en Cuba
   Evaldo Cabarrouy (Universidad de Puerto Rico)
Discussant: Joaquín Pujol (International Monetary Fund)
The “New” Cuban Economic Model
   Rolando H. Castañeda and George Plinio Montalván (IDB)
Discussant: Jorge F. Pérez-López (U.S. Department of Labor)

Legal Issues
Legal Policy for a Free Cuba: Lessons from the Civil Law
   Néstor Cruz, Esq. (Carr, Morris and Graeff, P.C.)
Discussant: Luis Figueroa, Esq.
The Present Legal Status of Property Rights in Cuba
   Juan Consuegra-Barquín, Esq. (Attorney in Private Practice)
Discussant: José M. Hernández (Georgetown University-retired)
Recommended Features of a Foreign Investment Code for Cuba’s Free Market Transition
   Matias F. Travieso-Díaz, Esq. (Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge)
Discussant: José D. Acosta, Esq. (OAS, retired)

Luncheon Address
Mr. Xavier L. Suárez, Esq. (Shutts & Bowen, and former Mayor of Miami)

Expropriation and Privatization Issues
Economic Factors in Selecting an Approach to Expropriation Claims in Cuba:
   Rolando Castañeda and George Plinio Montalván (IDB)
Discussant: Ralph Galliano (Institute for U.S.-Cuba Relations)
Restitution versus Compensation: Their Effects on the Pace of Privatization
   Luis Locay and Agdem Ural (University of Miami)
Discussant: Roger Betancourt (University of Maryland)
The Ethics Foundation of Private Property
   Alberto Martínez-Piedra (Catholic University of America)
Discussant: José M. Hernández (Georgetown University-retired)
Environment and Socioeconomic Indicators

Cuba’s Environmental Law
Ralph Barba and Amparo E. Avella: (Environmental Site Assessments, Inc.)

The Special Period and the Environment
Sergio Díaz-Briquets (Casals and Associates)

Statistical Comparison of Cuban Socioeconomic Development
Jorge Luis Romeu (State College at Cortland, NY)

Discussant: Armando M. Lago (Consultant)

Round Table on Sociological Issues

The Achievements of the Cuban Revolution: Sociological and Psychological Costs
Maida Donate (Sigma Dos, Madrid)

Cuba’s Refugees: Manifold Migrations
Sylvia Pedraza Bailey (University of Michigan)

Philosophical Inquiry and the Crisis of Cuban Public Life
Robert Vichot (Florida International University)

El otro testimonio: literatura carcelaria en Cuba
Rafael E. Saumell (Sam Houston University)

Round Table on Banking Policies for a Democratic Cuba

Agustín Batista Falla (Asociación de Bancos de Cuba)
Alberto Luzárraga (Amerinvest Corp.)

Round Table Discussion on the Sugar Sector in Cuba

José F. Alonso (OCB, Radio Martí, Office of Research)
Alvaro Carta (Sugar Consultant)
José E. Lima (IPS Consultants)

Sugar and Citrus Markets

The Transformation of the State Extensive Growth Model in Cuba’s Sugarcane Agriculture
José Alvarez (University of Florida) and Lazaro Peña (Centro de Investigaciones de la Economía Mundial, La Habana)

Discussant: José F. Alonso (OCB, Radio Martí, Office of Research)

Cuba and the International Sugar Market
Oscar Echevarría (EISCA)

Discussant: José Antonio Rivero (Amerop Sugar)

Cuban Citrus Production in a Post-Transition Economy
Joseph Perry, Louis Woods & Jeffrey Steagall (University of North Florida)

Discussant: William Messina (University of Florida)

Round Table on the Status and Future Needs of Environmental Impact Assessments in Cuba

The Economic Dimension of EIA in the Transition from a Centrally Planned Economy to a Truly Participative Market Based Economic System
René Costales (Inter-American Development Bank)

Walter Arensberg (Center for International Development and Environment)

The Process of Environmental Impact Assessment in Cuba
Amparo Avella (Environmental Site Assessments, Inc.)

Lic. Amanda Barraza (Fundación Promar-Panamá)
Aspectos Esenciales sobre la Mitigación de los Desastres Naturales en Cuba
José Carlos Lezcano (Meteorologist/Physical Geographer)

United States Policy Toward Cuba
A Road Map for Restructuring U.S. Relations with Cuba
C. Richard Nelson (The Atlantic Council)
Discussant: J. P. Rathbone (World Bank)
Background on the Potential Impact of the Helms/Burton Act on Castro’s Rule over Cuba
Ernesto Betancourt (International Development and Finance)
Discussant: Alfredo Cuzán (University of West Florida)
The Helms and Burton Bills: Myth and Reality
Robert E. Freer, Jr., Esq. (Freer & McGarry)
Discussant: Pamela Falk (ex-Staff Director, House Inter-American Committee)

Transition and Other Issues
Preliminary Analysis of Retirement Programs for the Personnel in the Ministry of the Armed Forces and the
Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Cuba
Ricardo Donate-Armada, A.S.A. (Towers Perrins Actuaries)
Issues of Legitimacy and Constitutionalism in the Cuban Transition
Mario A. Rivera (The University of New Mexico)
Discussant: Roger Guerra (Georgian Court College)
Economic Education for a Market Economy: The Cuban Case
Jorge Sanguinetty (DEVTEC Inc.)