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Sixth Annual Meeting
University of Miami, James L. Knight Center, Hyatt Hotel
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Conference Program

Panel Discussion: The Current Situation

Carmelo Mesa-Lago (University of Pittsburgh)

Pablo Alfonso (El Nuevo Herald)

Gerardo González Núñez (former Senior Researcher, Centro de Estudios de América)

Roundtable: Non-Sugar Agriculture — Current Situation and Prospects

William Messina (University of Florida)

José Alvarez (University of Florida)

Thomas H. Spreen (University of Florida)

Anne E. Moseley (University of Florida)

Charles M. Adams (University of Florida)

Macroeconomic and Debt Issues

The External Debt and the Principle of Solidarity: The Cuban Case

Alberto Martínez-Piedra (Catholic University) and Lorenzo L. Pérez (International Monetary Fund)

Discussant: Armando Ribas (Consultant, Argentina)

Cuba's Hard Currency Debt

Gabriel Fernández (Leonard N. Stern School of Business, New York University)

Discussant: Alberto Luzárraga (Amerinvest Corporation)

Cuba: A Shockless Stabilization and Financial Recovery

Rolando Castañeda and George Plinio Montalván (Inter-American Development Bank)

Discussant: Evaldo Cabarrouy (University of Puerto Rico)

Labor Markets

The Minimum Wage and Employment in Poland: Lessons for Cuba

Andrew M. Melnyk (University of Miami)

Discussant: Ernesto Hernández-Catá (International Monetary Fund)

Alternative Policies to Deal With Labor Surpluses During the Cuban Transition

Joseph M. Perry (University of North Florida)

Discussant: Ricardo L. Tejada (U.S. Department of Labor)

Labor Effects of Adjustment Policies in Cuba

Enrique S. Pumar (American University)

Discussant: Ricardo L. Tejada (U.S. Department of Labor)

La seguridad social: Un 'logro' que tiende a desmoronarse

Marta Beatriz Roque (Instituto Nacional de Economistas Independientes de Cuba),

read by Arnulfo Carrandi (Consultant)

Discussant: Ricardo Donate-Armada (Towers Perrin)

The Military and the Cuban Economy

The Optimal Size of the Military in a Post-Castro Cuba

Carlos Seiglie (Rutgers University)

Discussant: Diego R. Roqué (Barry University)

The Military Burden on the Cuban Economy: Concepts and Data

Jorge F. Pérez-López (U.S. Department of Labor)

Discussant: Jesús Renzoli (IDF, Inc)

The Cuban Military During the Special Period

Humberto León (Info-Cuba, Inc.)

Discussant: Ernesto Betancourt (IDF, Inc.)

Foreign Investment

Foreign Investment in Cuba's Telecommunications Industry

Laurence I. Press (California State University, Dominguez Hills)

Discussant: Enrique López (AKL Group)

Foreign Investors' Property Rights and Legal Guaranties Against Non-Commercial Risks in Cuba

Sergio Leiseca (Baker & McKenzie)

Discussant: Steven R. Escobar (Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge)

Agribusiness Investment in Cuba's Post Embargo Period

James E. Ross (J.E. Ross & Associates)

Discussant: Federico M. Poey (Agridec)

Roundtable: The Rule of Law I — Organización del Poder Judicial

Alberto Luzárraga (Cuban American Research Group and Instituto Internacional de Abogados Cubanos)

Fernando A. Roa Uriarte (Ex Presidente, Sala de lo Civil, Audiencia de la Habana)

Manuel Mariñas (Abogado, Instituto Internacional de Abogados Cubanos)

Pedro Pablo Llaguno (Abogado, Instituto Internacional de Abogados Cubanos)

Functioning of Markets

Cuba's New Agricultural Cooperatives and Markets: Antecedents, Organization, Early Performance, and Prospects

José Alvarez and William A. Messina, Jr. (University of Florida)

Discussant: Juan Carlos Espinosa (University of Miami)

Back to the Future: The Sociopolitical Dynamics of Miramar's Budding Real Estate Market

Joseph L. Scarpaci (Virginia Tech)

Discussant: Eduardo Rivas (International Finance Corporation)

Through the Cracks of Socialism: The Emerging Private Sector in Cuba

Ana Julia Jatar (Inter-American Dialogue)

Discussant: Mauricio Font (City University of New York)

Transition Strategies

Cuba: Five Key Policy Options for the Transition

Rolando Castañeda and George Plinio Montalván (Inter-American Development Bank)

Discussant: Ricardo Martínez (Inter-American Development Bank)

Post-Cold War Transition in Cuba and Vietnam

Julie Bunck (University of Louisville)

Discussant: Carlos Quijano (World Bank)

International Monetary Fund and World Bank Conditionalties and Cuba's Economic Reforms of the 1990s:
A Comparison

Ramón Barquín III (B&B Importers)

Discussant: Joaquín Pujol (International Monetary Fund)

Roundtable: The 1995-96 Sugar Zafrá — Results and Implications

Juan Tomás Sánchez (Agricultural Consultant)

Alfredo Blanco, Jr. (Productores de Azúcar de Cuba, Inc.)

Rafael Núñez (North-South Center, University of Miami)

Judy Ganes (Merrill Lynch)

Governance

Decentralization, Local Government and Citizen Participation in Cuba

Nelson R. Amaro (Universidad del Valle, Guatemala)

Discussant: Alfred Cuzán (University of West Florida)

Civil Society, Social Control and the Structure of Power in Cuba

Maida Donate (Sociologist)

Discussant: Guillermo Cueto (Cuba Consultants Corporation)

El dólar, la crisis y el hombre nuevo: Homo Economicus and Civil Society in Cuba

Juan Carlos Espinosa (University of Miami)

Discussant: Ricardo A. Puerta (International Development Consultant)

Special Topics

The Future Faces of the Cuban Economy: A Bayesian Forecast

Barton Bernales

Discussant: Jorge L. Romeu (State University of New York at Cortland)

The Effect of Socialism on the Entrepreneurial Abilities of Cuban Americans

Luis Locay (University of Miami) and Jorge Sanguinety (DevTech Systems)

Discussant: Silvia Pedraza (University of Michigan)

Teoría de Contratos y Privatización: Insinuaciones para el Análisis del "Problema Cubano"

José Antonio Herrero (Consultant)

Discussant: Francisco León Delgado (ECLA, Santiago de Chile)

Roundtable: Economic Information on Cuba

Guillermo Cueto (CUBAWORLD)

Isabel Ezquerro (Richter Library, University of Miami)

Laurence I. Press (University of California, Dominguez Hills)

Jaime Suchlicki (Cuba On-Line)

Oscar Visiedo (Consultant)

Labor and the Transition

Experiences of the Labor Movement in Eastern European Countries and Implications for Cuba

Guillermo Grenier (Center for Labor Research & Studies, Florida International University)

Discussant: Rolando Castañeda (Inter-American Development Bank)

The Condition of Cuban Workers During the Special Period in Peacetime

Efrén Cordova (Center for Labor Research & Studies, Florida International University)

Discussant: Lorenzo Cañizares (Communications Workers of America)

The Labor Movement in Cuba: A View from the United States

David Jessup (American Institute for Free Labor Development, AFL-CIO)

Discussant: Antonio Gayoso (World Council of Credit Unions)

Socioeconomic Statistics

Are Cuba's Educational Statistics Reliable?

Benigno A. Aguirre (Texas A&M University) and Roberto J. Vichot (Florida International University)

Discussant: Erwin H. Epstein (Ohio State University)

Recent Cuban Economic Growth Statistics

Carmelo Mesa-Lago (University of Pittsburgh)

Discussant: Jorge Pérez-López (U.S. Department of Labor)

Análisis de las estadísticas de salud en Cuba

Maida Donate (Sociologist) and Zoila Macías (Biostatistician)

Discussant: Sergio Díaz-Briquets (Casals & Associates)

Roundtable: Cuba in Transition — Options for Addressing the Challenge of Expropriated Properties

Salvador J. Juncadella, Esq. (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP)

Rebeca Sánchez-Roig, Esq. (U.S. Department of Justice)

Ignacio E. Sánchez, Esq. (Kelley Drye & Warren)

Nicolás J. Gutiérrez, Esq. (Adorno & Zeder, P.A.)

Environment

Forestry Policies of Cuba's Socialist Government: An Appraisal

Sergio Díaz-Briquets (Casals & Associates):

Discussant: René Costales (Inter-American Development Bank)

The Quest for Power: Analyzing the Costs and Benefits of Cuba's Nuclear Energy Policy

Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado (University of Georgia)

Discussant: Osvaldo A. Juvier (Duke Power Company)

Ecotourism and the Environment: Issues and Challenges

David S. Collis (Consultant)

Discussants: Rafael Barba and Amparo Avella (Environmental Site Assessments)

Roundtable: The Rule of Law II — Recurso de Inconstitucionalidad/Recurso de Amparo Constitucional

José D. Acosta (Former Director, Department of General Legal Services, Organization of American States)
Silvio Sanabria (Ex Presidente, Colegio de Abogados de la Habana; Presidente, Instituto Internacional de Abogados Cubanos)

Fernando A. Roa Uriarte (Ex Presidente, Sala de lo Civil, Audiencia de la Habana)

Alberto Díaz-Masvidal (Abogado, Consolidated Cuban Oil & Gas Rights and Instituto Internacional de Abogados Cubanos)

Alberto Luzárraga (Cuban American Research Group and Instituto Internacional de Abogados Cubanos)

Law and International Economic Relations

Foreign Investment in Cuba: The Limits of “Commercial Engagement”

María C. Werlau (Orbis)

Discussant: Jorge Sanguinety (DevTech Systems)

Helms-Burton: Checkmate or Challenge for Canadian Firms Doing Business in Cuba

Julia Sagebien (Dalhousie University); presentation by Beverly Campbell (Journalist)

Discussant: George Harper (Steel, Hector & Davis)

Graph Theory Modeling of U.S.-Cuban and Coalitional Conflicts Around Implementation of the Helms-Burton Legislation

Mario A. Rivera (University of New Mexico)

Discussant: Enrique S. Pumar (American University)

The Continued Good Standing of Legal Entities Organized in Cuba Through 1959-1960

Agustín de Goytisoló (Katz, Barron, Squitero & Faust)

Discussant: Juan Consuegra-Barquín (Attorney at Law)