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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 Conditionalities 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 Zafra — 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. Romeo (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 Sanguinetty (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 Ezquerra (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 Insconstitucionalidad/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"
Marta C. Werlau (Orbis)

Discussant: Jorge Sanguinetty (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 Goytisolo (Katz, Barron, Squitero & Faust)

Discussant: Juan Consuegra-Barquín (Attorney at Law)