CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Panel Discussion: The Current Situation
Grupo de Trabajo de la Disidencia Interna para el Estudio de la Situación Socio-Económica Cubana (read by Ruth Montaner)
Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Interests Section, La Habana
Antonio Gayoso, World Council of Credit Unions
Juan del Aguila, Emory University
Richard A. Nuccio, Georgetown University

Monetary/Fiscal Issues
The Effectiveness of Cuba’s Banking Sector Reforms
Armando Linde, International Monetary Fund
Discussant: Manuel Lasaga, StratInfo
Dollarization in Cuba and Implications for the Future Transition
Roberto Orro Fernández and Arne Kildegaard, Universidad de Guanajuato
Discussant: Jorge Sanguinetti, DevTech Systems
Cuba’s Fiscal System in the Transition to a Market Economy
Mark Gallagher, DevTech Systems
Discussant: René Costales, Inter-American Development Bank

Transition Issues I
Self-Employment in Cuba: A Street-Level View
Benjamin Smith, U.S. Department of Labor
The Role of Small and Medium Size Enterprises in a Post-Castro Cuba
Antonio Gayoso, World Council of Credit Unions
Discussant: Mark Olshan, Alfred University
Un proyecto para la formación de profesionales internacionales en una Cuba en transición
Jorge Luis Romeu, ITT Research Institute
Discussant: Mario Rivera, University of New Mexico
Impact of Post-Embargo Trade with Cuba
From Cold War Warriors to Business Associates: Cuba-Puerto Rico Relations in the Last Half of the Twentieth Century
Julia Sagebien, Dalhousie University, and Ramón Coto-Ojeda, Coto, Malley & Tamargo
Potential Impact on New Orleans and Louisiana of Normalized Trade Relations Between the United States and Cuba
Nicholas Robins and María F. Trujillo, Tulane University
Factors Affecting the Potential Market in Cuba for Selected U.S. Forest Products
James E. Ross, University of Florida

Military
Cuba’s Armed Forces: Power, Reforms and Transition
Domingo Amuchastegui, University of Miami
Cuba’s Bingshang: Problems and Prospects of the FAR’s Involvement in the Economy and Lessons from China’s PLA
Frank Mora, Rhodes College
Evolution, Transition and the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces
Armando Mastrapa, Cuba Armed Forces Review
Discussants: Jaime Suchlicki, University of Miami; Eusebio Mujal-León, Georgetown University; and Marcelo Fernández-Zayas, Political Analyst

Panel Discussion: Foreign Investment
Efrén Córdova, Florida International University—retired
Félix Blanco Godínez, Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor
Maria C. Werlau, Orbis International

Intellectual Property and Information
‘Havana Club’ and Implications for U.S. Trademark Protection in Cuba
Stephen Kimmerling, Attorney at Law
Discussant: Elisabeth Roth Escobar, Marriott International, Inc.
The Political Economy of the Internet in Cuba
Mario A. Rivera and Nelson P. Valdés, University of New Mexico
Discussant: José Alberto Hernández, CubaNet

Agricultural Transition: Role of the Private Sector
Independent Agricultural Cooperatives in Cuba?
José Alvarez, University of Florida
U.S. Policy and Independent Farming in Cuba: Changes in the Past Decade
Pamela Falk, Queens College School of Law, City University of New York School of Law
Discussant: Diomel Rodriguez, U.S. Support Group for Independent Cooperatives
A Preliminary Evaluation of the Needs for Agricultural Extension in a Free Cuba
Larry Dailey, Oregon State University
Discussant: Carlos Balerdi, University of Florida Extension Service and Miami Dade County Consumer Services Department
Politics

Fidel Castro: A Machiavellian Prince?
Alfred G. Cuzán, University of West Florida

Reflections on a Non-Transition in Cuba
Juan del Aguilá, Emory University

Discussant: Enrique Pumar, EDS Government Consulting Services and Catholic University of America

Organización y Formación Democrática en Cuba
José Antonio Font, Alianza Democrática Cubana

Discussant: Mauricio Solaún, University of Illinois

What’s Not So Special About the Special Period:
A Gender Approach to Women, Production and the Economy

Obreras y consumidoras: Invisibilidad y desatención como norma nacional
Norma Rojas, Independent Researcher

El trabajo femenino y la crisis revolucionaria
Isabel Holgado Fernández, Independent Researcher

Civil Society in Cuba: A Gender Analysis
Stephanie McNulty, USAID

The Feminization of Old Havana
Lisa Reynolds Wolfe, New York University

From Pajarito to buscoextranjero.com: Exploitation and Profitability in the Business of Sex
Ileana Fuentes, Independent Researcher

Discussant: Alfred Padula, University of Southern Maine

Macroeconomics

Macroeconomic Policy Choices in a Free Market Cuba
Jorge Sanguinetty, DevTech Systems

Discussant: Ricardo Martínez, Inter-American Development Bank-retired

Globalization, Transition and the Outlook for the Cuban Economy
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, Intentional Monetary Fund

Discussant: Nicolás Sánchez, College of the Holy Cross

La economía cubana ante el comienzo del siglo XXI
Rolando Castañeda, Inter-American Development Bank

Discussant: Robert Cruz, Barry University

Public Opinion in Cuba: Results of a Survey

Survey Methodology Issues
Churchill Roberts, University of Florida

Discussant: Mitchell A. Seligson, University of Pittsburgh

Social, Political and Economic Issues
Guillermo Grenier, Florida International University, and Ernesto Betancourt, DevTech Systems

Discussant: Ricardo Puerta, International Development Consultant
The Relationship Between Diaspora Cubans and Other Groups
Can Cubans, Mexicans and Puerto Ricans Develop a Hispanic American Identity?
   Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan
This Land is Our Land: Black-Cuban Relations in Miami, 1959-1998
   Guillermo Grenier, Florida International University, and Max Castro, North-South Center, University of Miami
Puerto Ricans and Cubans in Puerto Rico: A Case of Selective Incorporation
   Jorge Duany, University of Puerto Rico, and José A. Cobas, Arizona State University
Discussant: Lisandro Pérez, Florida International University

Economic Reforms
Cuba’s Reforms: Waiting for Fidel on the Eve of the 21st Century
   Roger R. Betancourt, University of Maryland
Discussant: Luis Locay, University of Miami
Measures Not Taken: A Future Full of Problems
   Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Interests Section, La Habana
Discussant: Ernesto Hernández-Catá, International Monetary Fund

Panel Discussion: Cuba’s International Economic Relations
Olga Nazario, Casals & Associates
Takehiko Kojima, Consulate of Japan
Alan S. Becker, Honorary Consul, Czech Republic
Fernando Albareda, Peru Trade Mission
Robin Baylis, Consulate of the United Kingdom
Alfredo García, Consulate of Chile
José Hernández, Consulate of Venezuela
Jon Allen, Embassy of Canada

Special Topics
An Actuarial Model of the Impact of Linking a Life Survival Function to Economic Variables: An Application to Cuba
   Ricardo Donate-Armada, Watson Wyatt & Company
Discussant: Diego Roqué, Consultant
Cuba and American Public Opinion
   Daniel W. Fisk, Arizona State University
The Cuba Solidarity Movement in the San Francisco Bay Area: Its Activities and Objectives, 1991-Present
   Fernando Socorro, San Francisco State University
Discussant: René Pérez-López, Virginia Wesleyan College

Panel Discussion: Sugar and Agriculture
José F. Alonso, SDLLC
Peter Buzzanell, Sparks Commodities
Carlos Deschappelle, Amerop Sugar Corporation
Ralph J. Galliano, U.S.-Cuba Policy Report
José E. Lima, IPS Consultants
Perspectives on Civil Society and Transition
Defining National Reconciliation: An Outsider’s View of the Case of the Cuban People
Holly Ackerman, Tulane University
Civil Society in Cuba: The Dynamic of Emergence in Comparative Perspective
Juan Carlos Espinosa, University of Miami
The Internal Political Opposition in Civil Society: An Assessment
Enrique S. Pumar, EDS Consulting Services and Catholic University of America
Discussants: Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan, and Nelson Amaro, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala

Panel Discussion: Independent Journalists and the Cuban Economy
Luis Aguilar León, University of Miami, Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies
Lázaro González, Cuba Verdad
Monike de Motas, Independent Journalist
Miguel Fernández, Cuba Press

Tourism
Tourism as an Economic Staple: The Visual Impact of Land Use Change and Tourist Development in Varadero, Matanzas, Cuba
Artimus Keiffer, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
After Forty Years: A Candid Recount of Personal and Professional Experiences at Several Tourism Destinations in the Cuban Archipelago
Nicolás Crespo, Cuban Society of Tourism Professionals
Discussant: Félix Blanco Godínez, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Legal Issues
Legal Issues in the Transition
Boris Kozolchyk, University of Arizona
Key Environmental Legislation for Cuba’s Transition Period
Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge
Discussant: Aldo Leiva, Wicker Smith
Restitution of Property in Cuba: Lessons Learned from East Europe
G. Douglas Harper, University of Miami Law School
Discussant: Juan Carlos Bermúdez, Bermúdez & Tomé

Sectoral Economic Issues
Privatization of State-Owned Properties: A Very Important Step for the Transition
Teo Babún, Cuba Caribbean Development Co.
Agricultural Transition in Cuba: Implications for Agricultural Production, Markets and Trade
William Messina, University of Florida

Transition Issues II
Policy Framework to Address Corruption in the Cuban Transition
Beatriz Casals and Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates
Corruption and the Cuban Economic Transition
Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor
Discussant: Luis Salas, Florida International University
Los empresarios cubanos y la transición en la isla
Gerardo González, University of Puerto Rico
Discussant: Virgilio Blanco, Middlesex County College