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The Cuban Economy During the Special Period
Antonio Elorza, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Antonio Gayoso, Consultant
Manuel David Orrio, Independent Economist, La Habana

Macroeconomics
The Fall and Recovery of the Cuban Economy in the 1990s: Myth or Reality?
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, International Monetary Fund
Discussant: Luis R. Luis, International Research and Strategy Associates
¿Ha recorrido Cuba su propia “V”?
Roberto Orro, Universidad de Guanajuato
Discussant: Ricardo Martínez, Inter-American Development Bank (retired)
Fear of Floating
Carmen Reinhart, University of Maryland, and Guillermo Calvo, University of Maryland
Discussant: Ernesto Hernández-Catá, International Monetary Fund

Small and Medium Enterprises
Small and Medium Enterprises: European Experience and Relevance for Cuba
Antonio Gayoso, Consultant
Evolución y perspectivas de la pequeña empresa no estatal en Cuba
Evaldo Cabarrouy, University of Puerto Rico
Discussant: Guillermo Cueto, U.S.-Cuba Business Council
La descentralización del sector estatal en la agricultura: ¿Gérmen para una reforma empresarial pendiente?
Hans-Jürgen Burchardt, University of Hannover, Germany
Discussant: William Messina, University of Florida

External Sector
Intellectual Property Rights and International Trade in Cuban Products
Joseph M. Perry, University of North Florida
Discussant: Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman
An Evaluation of the U.S. Embargo on Cuba
Cuba in Transition · ASCE 2000

Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University and Université Pierre Mendes France-Grenoble II
Discusant: Manuel Lasaga, StratInfo
The ‘Understanding’ Between the European Union and the U.S. Over Investment in Cuba: Chapuza, Pasteleo, Creative Arrangement, or More of the Same?
Joaquín Roy, University of Miami
Discussant: Virgilio Blanco, Middlesex County College

Agriculture and Fisheries
Differences in Agricultural Productivity Between the State and Nonstate Sectors: Further Evidence
José Alvarez, University of Florida
Cuba’s Livestock Sector and the Potential Market for U.S. Livestock Genetics
James E. Ross, University of Florida
Discussant: William Kost, U.S. Department of Agriculture
The Cuban Fishing Industry and Recent Changes in Fisheries Management
Charles M. Adams, University of Florida
Discussant: Doug Gregory, University of Florida

Balance of Payments
The Balance of Payments: Concepts and Measurement
Armando Linde, International Monetary Fund
Cuba’s Balance of Payments Statistics
Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor
Interpreting Cuba’s External Accounts
Emily Morris, The Economist Intelligence Unit
Remittances and the Cuban Balance of Payments
Ernesto Betancourt, Retired public sector reform consultant
Discussant: Joaquín Pujol, IMF Advisor for Central Banks of the Caribbean

Environmental Issues
Land Use in Cuba Before and After the Revolution: Economic and Environmental Implications
Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates
Discussant: José Alvarez, University of Florida
La situación ambiental de Cuba al finalizar el siglo XX
Eudel Eduardo Cepero, Agencia Ambiental Entorno Cubano
Preliminary Environmental Action Plan for a Post-Castro Cuba
Alberto Vega and Federico Poey, USCBC Cuba Transition Project
Discussant: María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University

Fiscal and Monetary Issues
Fiscal Reforms in Transition Economies: Implications for Cuba
Lorenzo Pérez, International Monetary Fund
Poverty, the Budget, and Transition
Mark Gallagher, DevTech Systems
Análisis del Nivel y la Evolución del Gasto Social en Cuba y en América Latina en la Década de los Noventa
Rolando Castañeda, Inter-American Development Bank
Discussant: Rafael Romeu, University of Maryland
Globalización vs. Aislamiento en el Contexto Cubano: Patologías, Efectos Sociales y Migratorios y Políticos

The Internationalization of Collective Behavior: Lessons from Elián
Benigno Aguirre, Texas A & M University

Globalización como Modelo de Desarrollo: Afinidades y Rechazos del Modelo Cubano
Nelson Amaro, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala

Cuba’s Latest Wave: Political Refugees or Economic Immigrants?
Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

Discussant: Gerardo Martínez-Solana, Instituto Jacques Maritain

Cuba: La enajenación del trabajo y otras patologías sociales en el año 2000
Maida Donate Armada, Cuban American National Council

Discussant: Juan Carlos Espinosa, St. Thomas University

Roundtable: Sugar Industry and Markets
José F. Alonso, Montgomery County Public Schools
Pablo A. Carreño, Chemical Engineer
Carlos Padial, Chemical Engineer
Oscar Espinosa Chepe, Independent Economist, La Habana
Diosmel Rodríguez, U.S. Support Group for Independent Cooperatives

Foreign Investment
Best Business Practices for Foreign Investors in Cuba
Ambassador Anthony C.E. Quainton, National Planning Association
Discussant: Ambassador Otto Reich, U.S.-Cuba Business Council

Telecommunication Investments in Cuba
Enrique López, A.K.L. Group, Inc.
Discussant: John Kavulich, U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council

Habaguanex: Winners and Losers in Restoring Havana’s Centro Histórico
Joseph L. Scarpaci, Virginia Tech

Student Papers
Social Contradictions in Cuba
Charles Trumbull, Dartmouth College
Discussant: Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates

Cuba’s ‘Baseball Politics’: Our Shared National Pastime as a Cultural Means Toward Political Ends
Christopher Perry, College of the Holy Cross
Discussant: Jeff Carrera, Catholic University of America

Last Resort or Bridge to the Future: Tourism and Workers in Cuba’s Second Economy
Ted Henken, Tulane University
Discussant: Mario Rivera, University of New Mexico

Sources of Economic Growth
The Decline in Cuba’s Total Factor Productivity
Luis Locay, University of Miami
Discussant: Moshe Syrquin, University of Miami

Education’s Contribution to Economic Growth in Cuba
Manuel Madrid-Aris, Florida International University
Discussant: Nicolás Sánchez, College of the Holy Cross
Tourism

Tourism in Cuba: An Update of Economic Aspects
María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University

A Comparison of Cuba's Tourism Industry with the Dominican Republic and Cancún for the Period 1989-99
Nicolás Crespo, Cuban Society of Tourism Professionals, and Charles Suddaby, Charles Suddaby & Associates, Limited

Sol-Melía Hotels' Role in Cuba's Tourism Industry
Félix B. Godínez, Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Discussant: Artimus Keiffer, Franklin College

Panel Discussion: ASCE at Ten—Institutional Growth and Challenges
Panelists: Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland, ASCE President 1990-92
Antonio Gayoso, Consultant, ASCE President 1996-98
Carlos Quijano, World Bank (retired), ASCE President, 2000-02

Special Topics

Best Practices in Latin America Regarding the Regulatory Framework for Power and Telecommunications: Implications for Cuba
Juan A.B. Belt, Inter-American Development Bank
Discussant: Luis Locay, University of Miami

Cuban Endophytic Flora as a Potential Source of Bioactive Materials
Larry Daley, Oregon State University
Discussant: James Ross, University of Florida

Some Ideas on University Research in Post Transitional Cuba
Jorge L. Romeu, ITT Research Institute
Discussant: Benigno Aguirre, Texas A&M University.

Politics

A Constitutional Framework for a Free Cuba
Alfred G. Cuzán, The University of West Florida

Microeconomic and Micropolitical Processes in Cuba's Market Transition
Mario A. Rivera, The University of New Mexico
Discussant: Ambassador Mauricio Solaún, University of Illinois

Civil Society in Cuba at the Turn of the Millennium: Achievements and Shortcomings
Juan J. López, University of Illinois at Chicago
Discussant: Andy Gómez, University of Miami

The Military in the Economy

Soldiers and Businessmen: The FAR During the Special Period
Armando F. Mastrapa, Cuba Armed Forces Review

FAR: Mastering Reforms
Domingo Amuchastegui, Independent Researcher
Discussants: José Antonio Font, Font International; Ernesto Betancourt, Retired public sector reform consultant
Legal Issues
Cuba’s Most Significant Legal Developments During the Special Period: Prospects for Change in a Comparative Context
Stephen Kimmerling
Discussant: Steven Escobar, U.S. Department of Commerce
The Contribution of BITs to Cuba’s Foreign Investment Program
Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor, and Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman
Discussant: Juan Carlos Bermúdez, Bermúdez & Tomé
Labor Law Issues and Challenges
Aldo Leiva
Discussant: Gerard Morales, Snell & Wilmer