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Current Economic and Political Situation
Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh and Florida International University
Brian Latell, Georgetown University

The Transition: Lessons from Russia
Marcelo Selowsky, Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank
Ricardo Lago, Deputy Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Vladimir Mau, Director, Working Centre for Economic Reform, Moscow
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, Associate Director, African Department, International Monetary Fund

Exchange Rate Policies and the Transition—Latin America and Russia
Professor Arnold Harberger, University of California at Los Angeles

Macroeconomics
The Miracle of the Cuban Economy in the 1990s
Ed Canler, Textile Rubber and Chemical Company
Discussant: Antonio Gayoso, Global Expand
Una Visión Alternativa (“no Convencional”) desde Europa Central y Rusia sobre la Experiencia de Transición del Socialismo a una Economía de Mercado de los Antiguos Países Socialistas de Europa Central y de la Unión Soviética
Rolando Castañeda, Inter-American Development Bank
Discussant: Evaldo Cabarrouy, University of Puerto Rico
The Impact of the Helms-Burton Legislation on Foreign Investment in Cuba
Paolo Spadoni, University of Florida
Discussant: John Kavulich, U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council

Civil Society in Cuba
The Emerging Civil Society and the Transition: The Work of Human Rights Organizations
Enrique S. Pumar, William Patterson University
Cuban Culture and Democracy
Aldo Leiva, Wicker Smith
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Inside Civil Society: A CEON Study in Cuba
Juan J. López, University of Illinois-Chicago

A Test of Culture of Opposition Theory
Benigno Aguirre, Texas A & M University

Discussants: Juan Carlos Espinosa, St. Thomas University; Alfred G. Cuzán, University of West Florida

Impact of U.S. Economic Sanctions
The Economic Impact of U.S. Sanctions with Respect to Cuba: An Overview
Jonathan Coleman, U.S. International Trade Commission

Discussants: William Messina, University of Florida; Antonio Gayoso, Global Expand; William Trumbull, West Virginia University; Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State; Enrique J. López, AKL Group

Internet and E-Commerce in Cuba
Nelson P. Valdés, University of New Mexico
José Chao, Punto.com
Manny Gonzalez, Miami Internet Alliance

The Internet in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Cuba
Taylor C. Boas, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace/University of California, Berkeley

Discussant: Robert C. Harding, Lynchburg College

Pazos’ “Economic Problems of Cuba in the Transition”: A Retrospective View
René Monserrat, Inter-American Development Bank (retired)
Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland
Efrén Córdova, Florida International University (retired)
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, International Monetary Fund
Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor
Matías F. Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman LLP

Agriculture
International Economic Associations in Agriculture: An Update
James E. Ross, University of Florida

Normalizing Trade Relations with Cuba: Sugar May Not Be So Sweet
Jonathan Coleman, U.S. International Trade Commission

Cuba and the Caribbean: A View of Revealed Comparative Advantage
William A. Messina, Jr., University of Florida

Discussant: William F. Kost, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Transition Issues I
The Economic and Political Liberalization in Former Socialist Countries
Roberto Orro (read by Armando Linde, IMF)

Discussant: Joseph Perry, University of North Florida

Cuba: The Inevitable Disaster to Come
Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State

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

La reforma institucional durante la transición
Ernesto Betancourt, Consultant

Discussant: Jorge Sanguinetty, DevTech Systems.
Special Topics

Orographic Influences on Vegetation and Bioprospecting Potential at the Confluence of the Bayamo, Guamá and Guisa Rivers
Larry Daley, Oregon State University

Medicare: A Potential Income-Generating Activity for Cuba in the Future
Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates
Discussant: Ricardo A. Puerta, Consultant

Immigrant Self-Employment: The Role of Social Resources and Social Context among Latin American and Asian Immigrants in the U.S. in 1990
Silvia Pedraza and Salvador Rivas, University of Michigan
Discussant: Mauricio Font, City University of New York.

Nación, Sociedad y Economía en la Cuba Posrevolucionaria
Professor Antonio Jorge, Florida International University and University of Miami

Mesa-Lago’s “Market Socialist and Mixed Economies: Comparative Policy and Performance”
Francisco León, CEPAL Consultant
Jorge Sanguinetty, DevTech Systems
Juan Belt, Inter-American Development Bank
Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland
Response: Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh and Florida International University

Legal Issues

A Comparative Look at the Foreign Investment Laws of Cuba, Chile and Mexico
Pedro A. Freyre, Esq., Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A.

Assessing the Validity of Cuba’s Foreign Investment Law and Practices
Alberto Luzárraga, Esq.

Rights and Remedies Concerning Cuban Residential Property
Stephen Kimmerling, Esq.

An Analysis of Cuba’s Perfeccionamiento Empresarial,
Matías F. Travieso-Díaz, Esq., Shaw Pittman LLP
Discussants: Patricia Hernández, Esq., Holland & Knight LLP; Luis J. Pérez, Esq., Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A.; Pamela Falk, City University of New York School of Law.

External Sector

Authorized U.S. Investment in Agricultural Sales and Cultural Exchanges
Pamela S. Falk, City University of New York
Discussant: Dennis Hays, Cuban American National Foundation

Circumventing the Embargo: Spain’s Economic Relations with Cuba
Eric N. Baklanoff, University of Alabama
Discussant: Kaylin Bailey, National Policy Association

Politics and Government

Much Ado About Something? Regime Change in Cuba
Eusebio Mujal-León and Josh Busby, Georgetown University
Discussant: Brian Latell, Georgetown University

Equipo de Coordinación y Apoyo del Comandante en Jefe: Cuba’s Parallel Government?
Armando F. Mastrapa III, CUBAPOLIDATA.COM
Discussant: Ernesto Betancourt, Consultant
Cuba y los Acuerdos del Golfo de México
Jorge Luis Romeu, ITT Research Institute
Discussant: Stuart Lippe, Consultant

**Transition Issues II**

Socialism and Health Transition in Cuba: A Critical Re-Analysis
Mary Katherine Crabb, Emory University
Discussant: Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals and Associates

Rationed Products and Something Else: Food Availability and Distribution in 2000 Cuba
José Alvarez, University of Florida
Discussant: Juan Carlos Espinosa, St.Thomas University

Olsonian Questions in a Cuban Context
Jorge Sanguinetti, DevTech Systems
Discussant: Luis Locay, University of Miami

**Tourism**

The Cuban Tourism Industry and *Perfeccionamiento Empresarial*
Artimus Keiffer

Cuban Tourism: A Critique of the CEPAL 2000 Report
María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University

Prostitution and Sex Tourism in Cuba
Charles Trumbull, Dartmouth College

Condemned to Informality: The Self-Employed Operators of Cuba’s New “Bed and Breakfasts”
Ted Henken, Tulane University
Discussant: Nicolás Crespo, The Phoenix Hospitality and Consulting Group

**Socioeconomic Issues**

The Impact of Remittances in Cuba: Evidence from Havana
Sarah Blue, UCLA
Discussant: Jorge F. Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor

Race in Cuba
B.E. Aguirre and E. Bonilla Silva, Texas A&M University
Discussant: Enrique Pumar, William Patterson University

Consequences of the Aging of the Cuban Population
Ricardo Donate-Armada
Discussant: René Costales, Inter-American Development Bank

**Humanitarian Aid to Cuba in the Special Period**

Teo A. Babún, ECHO-Cuba
Juan Carlos Espinosa, St. Thomas University
Thomas Wenski, Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Miami
Discussant: David Mutchler, U.S. Agency for International Development
SESSION ESPECIAL EN HONOR A FELIPE PAZOS

Vida y Obra en Cuba
Felipe Pazos como estudiante universitario
Raúl Shelton
La visión de Felipe Pazos sobre la economía cubana
Jorge Freyre
La contribución de Felipe Pazos a la economía cubana
Gonzalo de la Pezuela y Gerardo Canet
La obra económica de Pazos en Cuba y su dimensión latinoamericana
Jorge Salazar-Carrillo

Felipe Pazos y la Democracia en América Latina
Jaime Lusinchi, Ex-Presidente de Venezuela

Contribuciones en Venezuela y América Latina
Crisis financiera en Venezuela: Causas y consecuencias
Cristina Rodríguez
El horizonte abierto de la obra de Felipe Pazos
José Tomás Esteves
Inflación y realidad en América Latina
Francisco García Palacios y Eduardo Mayobre