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Carlos N. Quijano, ASCE President
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Oscar Espinosa Chepe, Independent Journalist
Pablo Alfonso, El Nuevo Herald
Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Florida International University

The State, Institutions and the Market Economy
The Role of Private Institutions in the Transition Economy
Guy Pfeffermann, Director and Chief Economic Advisor, International Finance Corporation
Transparency and Governance: Recent Experiences in Transition Economies
Miguel Schloss, Transparency International

Macroeconomics
Update on Cuban Dollarization
Roberto Orro, H. Calero Consulting Group
Parasitismo Económico y su Impacto en el Tránsito hacia el Mercado.
Manuel García Díaz, Universidad de Granada
Lecciones de la crisis Argentina para Cuba
Rolando Castañeda, IDB (retired)
Educational Investment and Human Capital Creation in Cuba
Manuel Madrid-Aris, Florida International University
Discussants: Ernesto Hernández-Catá, IMF, and Joaquín Pujol, IMF (retired)

Educational and Legal Issues and the Transition (co-sponsored by the Institute for Cuban and Cuban American Studies, University of Miami)
The Role of Education in Promoting Cuba’s Integration into the International Society: Lessons in Transition from Post-Communist States of Central and Eastern Europe
Andy Gómez, University of Miami
Rehabilitando la educación en una Cuba en proceso de cambio
Graciella Cruz-Taura, Florida Atlantic University
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The Role of the Judiciary in the Cuban Transition
Laura Patallo Sánchez, University of Miami
Discussant: George Menció, Holland & Knight
Alternative Recommendations for Dealing with the Expropriation of Properties in Post-Castro Cuba
Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman LLP
Discussants: Nicolás Gutiérrez, Rafferty, Gutiérrez, Sánchez-Aballí, Stolzenberg & Gellis

Combating Corruption
Corrupción y Transparencia
Ricardo Puerta, Consultant
Combating Corruption in a Post-Castro Cuba
Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates, and Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor
Let There be Candy for Everyone: Reform, Regulation and Rent-Seeking in the Republic of Cuba
Mary Speck, Stanford University
Discussants: Damián Fernández, FIU, and Richard Lotspeich, Indiana State University

External Sector
Foreign Direct Investment and Cooperated Production in Castro’s Cuba.
Paolo Spadoni, University of Florida
Foreign Investment in Cuba: Prospects and Perils
Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman LLP and Charles Trumbull, Dartmouth College
Las Negociaciones Internacionales Económicas de Cuba
Francisco León, Consultant
Discussants: John Kavulich, U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council, María C. Werlau, Orbis International, and Ambassador Dennis Hays, Cuban American National Foundation

Roundtable: Cuba’s Intellectual Property Regime—Trends, Issues, and Future Challenges
Jesus Sanchelima, Esq., Sanchelima & Associates, P.A., Miami, Florida
Pedro A. Freyre, Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., Miami, Florida
Alan C. Swan, University of Miami School of Law
Discussant: Stephen J. Kimmerling, Esq.

Special Topics
Restoration of Cuban Gallery Forests, Especially on the Bayamo and Other Rivers of the Cauto Basin.
Larry Daley, Oregon State University
Discussant: Eudel Eduardo Cepero
El Prejuicio Norteamericano en Cuba
Dominga González Suárez, Universidad de Granada
Discussant: Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan
The Impact on the U.S. Economy of Lifting Restrictions on Travel to Cuba
Dorothy Robyn, The Brattle Group
Discussant: Manuel Lasaga, Stratinfo

Perspectives on U.S.-Cuban Agricultural Trade Issues
International Trade between the U.S. and Cuba: Lessons from the Past
Myriam Quispe-Agnoli, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Potential Economic Impacts of U.S. Agricultural Exports to Cuba
C. Parr Rosson III, Texas A&M University
Overview of the Dollar Market for High Value Foods in Cuba
James E. Ross, University of Florida
Discussants: William Trumbull, West Virginia University, and Matthew McPherson, West Virginia University

Coloquio Constitucional Sobre la Tercera República
El Hombre para el Estado o el Estado para el Hombre
Alberto Luzárraga, Cuban American Research Group
Privatizando el Socialismo
Manuel Pérez Torres, Entrepreneur, founder of MT1 Software
Challenges for a Transitional Judicial System in a Post-Castro Cuba
Mario Díaz Cruz III, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, New York, New York
Discussant: Luis J. Pérez, Akerman Senterfitt, Miami

Student Panel
An Evaluation of Four Decades of Cuban Healthcare
Felipe E. Sixto, Florida International University
Discussant: Antonio Gayoso, Investment and Economics, LLC
Revolutionary Leaders, Ideology and Change
Erin Ennis, Catholic University of America
Discussant: Edward Gonzalez, UCLA Emeritus and member of Adjunct Staff, RAND
A Taste of Capitalism: The Rise and Fall of Havana’s Private Restaurants (Paladares)
Ted Henken, Tulane University
Discussant: Juan Carlos Espinosa

Tourism
The Tourism Sector During the Republic: Performance, Policy and the Public Debate
María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University
Trinidad’s Tourism Debacle: Between “Glocal” Heritage and National Economic Development
Joseph Scarpaci, Virginia Tech
Impact of September Eleven on Tourism Activities in Cuba and the Caribbean
Nicolás Crespo, Phoenix Hospitality and Consulting Corp., and Charles Suddaby, Charles Suddaby and Associates
Discussants: Marifeli Pérez-Stable, FIU, and Art Padilla, North Carolina State University

Constitutions, Property Rights and Public Choice
Economic Implications of the 1940 Constitution: Lessons for the Future
Jorge A. Sanguinetty, DevTech Systems
Discussant: Joaquín Pujol, IMF (retired)
The U.S. Constitution and Private Property: Reflections for Cuba
Juan A.B. Belt, Inter-American Development Bank
Discussant: Alberto Luzárraga, Cuban American Research Group
A Public Choice Model of the Incentives of Castro as Authoritarian
Gary M. Shiffman, Greenberg Traurig
Discussant: Nicolás Sánchez, College of the Holy Cross

Cuba and the Overseas Community
Cuba’s Future Economic Crisis: The Aging Population and the Social Safety Net
Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals and Associates
Discussant: Lisandro Pérez, FIU
A Model of Family Remittances
   Luis Locay, University of Miami
Discussant: Antonio Gayoso, Investment and Economics, LLC

Democratization and Migration: Cuba’s Exodus and the Development of Civil Society—Hindrance or Help?
   Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan
Discussant: Enrique Pumar, William Patterson University

Criterios Económicos para una Constitución que Sustente una Economía de Mercado
   Ramón Díaz, former President of the Central Bank, Uruguay, and past President
   Mont Pelerien Society

Sectoral Issues
   Energy in Cuba: Prospects in a Post-U.S. Sanctions Economy
      Ronald Soligo and Amy Jaffe, Rice University
Discussant: Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska

Action Plan for the Reconstruction of the Sugar Industry in Cuba
   Pablo A. Carreño, Asociación Nacional de Hacendados de Cuba
Discussant: Berta Mexidor

Theoretical and Empirical Reflections on the Future of Cuban Agriculture
   José Alvarez, University of Florida
Discussant: René Costales, IDB

Comparative Studies
   Comparative Study of Health Care in Cuba and in the United States
      Gloria Casal, M.D, Antonio A. Fernández, M.D., and Pedro F. Pellet, Nova Southeastern University
Discussant: Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates

Cuba in the Human Development Index in the 1990s: Decline, Rebound and Exclusion
   Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh
Discussant: Efrén Córdova, FIU (retired)

The Vandalism of Fidel’s Economic Policies: A Comparison of Cuba’s and China’s Economic Performance
   Oscar Echevarría, GlobalExpand and Georgetown University
Discussant: Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland

Roundtable: Foreign Policy Development, with Emphasis on the Americas
   Jaime Suchlicki, University of Miami
   Juan del Aguila, Emory University
   Félix Martín, Florida International University
   Edward Gonzalez, UCLA Emeritus and member of Adjunct Staff, RAND

Roundtable: The Software Industry
   Joel Font, Envision Technologies
   Manuel Pérez Torres, MT1 Software
   Ramón Barquín, Barquín International

Political Order and Transition
   La estabilidad dinámica de las instituciones del estado cubano durante la crisis de transición
   Benigno Aguirre, University of Delaware
Social Mechanisms and Political Order
   Enrique Pumar, William Patterson University
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Legal Dollars and Illegal Parties: The Political Logic of Cuba’s Uneven Liberalization
Javier Corrales, Amherst College
Discussant: Holly Ackerman, University of Miami

Transition Issues
Cuba in an Unending Special Period
Jorge F. Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor
Discussant: Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State
The Cuban Transition in the Light of the Lessons of Ten Years of Experience in the Former Soviet Bloc
Ernesto Betancourt, Consultant
Discussant: Marta Beatriz Roque, Instituto Cubano de Economistas Independientes
Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development: Lessons for a Post-Castro Cuba
Fernando Alvarez, Berkley Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, NYU-Stern School of Business
Discussant: José Ramón de la Torre, Chapman School of Business, FIU

SESIÓN ESPECIAL
Renovaciones o Reincidencias: La Democracia Cubana en el Nuevo Siglo

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