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Current Economic and Social Situation
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, ASCE President
Archibald Ritter, Carleton University, Canada
Phil Peters, Lexington Institute
Brian Latell, Center for Strategic and International Studies
Adolfo Franco, U.S. Agency for International Development

Cuba’s Future Exchange Rate System
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS
Armando Linde, IMF
Roberto Orro, H. Calero Consulting Group
Jorge Sanguinetti, DevTech Systems
Alfie Ulloa, Universidad de Chile

Tourism
The Three Cs of Tourism in the Caribbean: Context, Characteristics, and Consequences
Art Padilla, NC State University
Urban Planning and Tourism Development in Havana during the Special Period
Andrea Colantonio, University of Reading, UK
Discussants: Nicolás Crespo; Joseph Scarpaci, Virginia Tech

Legal Issues: Migration, Transition, and Trade
Incentives for Legal Reform in Post-Communist Societies
Jennifer Gauck, Criminal Law Reform Program, ABA/CEELI
International Law and Other Considerations on the Repatriation of Cuban Balseros by the United States
Maria Werlau, Orbis International
The Trade Impact of a Free Cuba: Legal Considerations from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce 2004 Report
Pedro A. Freyre, Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson; Cuba Committee Co-Chairman, Great Miami Chamber of Commerce
Discussants: Gustavo Arnavat, Hunton & Williams; Stephen Kimmerling, Esq.
Special Topics

Disaster Relief in Cuba
Benigno Aguirre, University of Delaware

The Mariel Factor in Cuban Immigrant Adaptation to U.S. Society: A Comparison of the Socio-Economic and Political Adaptation of Three Cuban Immigrant Cohorts to the United States
Gastón Fernández, Indiana State University

Los Marielitos: Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality and Art in the 1980 Cuban Exodus
Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

Discussants: Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals and Associates; Guillermo Grenier, FIU

Foreign Investment

Foreign Investment in Cuba: An Inventory
Jorge Pérez-López

The Current Situation of Foreign Investment in Cuba
Paolo Spadoni, University of Florida

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof: The Status of Foreign Joint Ventures in a Post-Transition Cuba
Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pitman LLP, Washington, D.C., and Armando Musa, Holland & Knight LLP, Miami, Florida

Discussants: María Werlau, Orbis International; Gustavo Arnavat, Hunton & Williams

Poverty and Social Issues

Dollars and Racial Inequality: The Demise of Structural Equality in Cuba’s Dual Economy
Sarah Blue, UCLA

Una Visión de las Reformas Necesarias para Lograr un Crecimiento Estable con Equidad y Así Superar la Situación de Empobrecimiento y Disparidades Sociales Existentes
Rolando Castañeda

Discussant: Katrin Hansing, Cuban Research Institute, FIU

Politics and Government

Franco’s Spain and Castro’s Cuba: A Comparative Evaluation
Alfred Cuzán, University of West Florida

Who’s On First?: The Struggle for Succession in Fidel Castro’s Cuba
Dan Erikson, Inter-American Dialogue

Discussants: Brian Latell, CSIS; Jaime Suchlicki, Institute of Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami

Self-Employment in Cuba: A Ten-Year Appraisal

Between Ideology and Pragmatism: The Revolution and the Private Sector Before the Special Period, 1959-1990
Ted Henken, Baruch College

Today’s Cuentapropistas: Numbers, Income, Economic Significance
Phil Peters, Lexington Institute

Cuba’s Underground Economy
Archibald Ritter, Carleton University

Education and Labor Skills in Socialist Cuba
Roberto Orro Fernández, H. Calero Consulting Group

Discussant: Mauricio Font, City University of New York

Value Orientations and Opinions of Recently Arrived Cubans

Andy S. Gomez, Special Assistant to the Provost and Senior Fellow, Institute of Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami.
Eugenio Rothe, MD, University of Miami School of Medicine and Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami

**A Decade of Reforms in the Agricultural Sector and Food Markets**

The Sugarcane UBPCs Ten Years Later  
José Alvarez, University of Florida  
Agricultural Production Cooperatives: The Future of Cuban Agriculture?  
Frederick S. Royce, University of Florida  
Cuban Agriculture: To Be or Not to Be Organic  
William E. Kost, U.S. Department of Agriculture, ERS  
Discussants: William A. Messina, University of Florida; James Ross, University of Florida

**Student Papers**

Stop Singing ‘Copacabana’ and Get Yourself to Havana: The Prospect of Cuban Tourism After the Fall of Castro  
Irene Sánchez, Harvard University  
Cuba’s Path to Market: Washington Consensus, Doi Moi, or Reforma á la cubana?  
Chantal Agarwal, George Washington University and Lexington Institute  
Cuba: A Decade of Economic Reforms—Balance and Perspectives  
Orlando Justo, New School University  
Discussants: Javier Corrales, Amherst College; María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University; Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland.

**Supporting Cuba’s Democrats**

Stephen Johnson, Heritage Foundation

**Transition Issues**

Reforms of the Social Safety Net During the Cuban Transition  
Lorenzo Pérez and Norman Hicks  
The Role of the State during Transition: Cuba  
Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland  
Black-White Income Differentials Amongst Cubans and its Implication for the Transition  
Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University  
Discussants: Ricardo Martínez; Luis Locay, University of Miami.

**Civil Society and Social Transition’s Greatest Challenges I**

Civil Society in Cuba: Advancing through Moral Convictions and Public Connectedness  
María P. Arístigueta, University of Delaware  
Practical Humanitarian Challenges and Considerations on Both Sides of the Florida Straits  
Eric Driggs, Cuba Transition Project/University of Miami  
Civil Society, Social Capital, and the Economy: Preliminary Considerations Relevant to Cuba  
María Dolores Espino and Jorge F. Pérez-López  
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**Agriculture**

Varieties of Agricultural Land Tenure in Cuba: A Research Guide  
Gary Maybarduk, United States Army War College  
Importance and Role of the Agricultural Processing Subsector in the Economic Development of Less Developed Countries  
José Ricardo
La industria azucarera cubana, el mundo del azúcar, y la transición
Juan Tomás Sánchez
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**Foreign Trade**
Trading with Cuba Based on Fundamentals Rather than Politics: Who Wins, Who Loses
William Trumbull, West Virginia University
U.S. Agribusiness Export Prospects to Cuba Under Three Scenarios
James Ross, University of Florida
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**Civil Society and Social Transition’s Greatest Challenges II**
The Social and Human Services Sectors as Independent Institutions
Guarioné Díaz, Cuban American National Council
The Role of Volunteers and Building the Capacity of Independent NGOs
Julia N. Valls and Dave Schmeling, FAVACA
NGOs Functioning as Social Service Providers: The Elderly Problem in Cuba—Recommended Ways to Deal with It
Pamela Elfenbein, Center for Aging, FIU
Discussant: Marc Wachtenheim, Pan American Development Foundation; Ricardo Puerta

**Environment**
Argelio Maldonado
Eudel Cepero
René Costales
Larry Daley, Oregon State University
Sergio Díaz-Briquets
Frank Resillez

**Cuban Transition Strategies and Assistance**
Lessons from Other Transitions: Implications for Cuba
Patrick M. Cronin, Center for Strategic and International Studies
Cuban Transition Strategies
Antonio Jorge, Florida International University
Carlos Saladrigas, Cuba Study Group
Jorge Sanguinetti, DevTech Systems
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Walter Bastian, U.S. Department of Commerce
Daniel Fisk, U.S. Department of State
Discussants: Ernesto Hernández-Catá and Carlos Quijano