

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY (ASCE)

Sixteenth Annual Meeting
Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, Miami, Florida
August 3–5, 2006

Conference Program

Current Economic and Political Situation

Chair: Armando Linde, President-Elect of ASCE
Jorge Pérez-López
Oscar Espinosa Chepe, Independent Economist
Juan del Aguila, Emory University

Macro and Micro Experiences of Transition

Chair: César Vidal
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, “A Theory of Transition: The Case of the Former Soviet Union”
Armando Linde, “Inflation Targeting: Monetary Policy Contribution to Rules-Based Economic Management”
Antonio Gayoso, “Financial Services, Poverty, and Enterprise: The Case of Cuba”
Luis Locay, University of Miami, “Labor Market Distortions and Speed of Transition in Eastern Europe:
Implications for Cuba”
Discussants: Rolando Castañeda; Ricardo Lago

Monetary and Fiscal Issues

Chair: Alfredo Gutiérrez
Mario A. González-Corzo, “The De-dollarization of the Cuban Economy: Principal Policy Measures, Causes, and
Impact”
Roberto Orro, “Monetary Reform in Cuba: The End of Dollarization?”
Lorenzo Pérez, “Assessing Fiscal Management and Central Banking in Cuba and Proposals for Improvement”
Discussants: Archibald Ritter; Ricardo Lago

Energy in Cuba: Present Situation and Future Options

Chair: Oscar Echevarría
Jorge Piñón Cervera, “Energy: Cuba’s Achilles Heel”
Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska-Omaha, “The Problems and Prospects of a Sustainable
Energy Future in Cuba”
Juan Belt, “Power Sector Reforms in Market and Transition Economies: Lessons for Cuba”
Discussant: Roger Betancourt

External Sector Issues

Chair: William Trumbull, West Virginia University

Terry Maris, Ohio Northern University, “The Dragon and the Crocodile: China’s Role in Cuba’s Future”

Mario A. González-Corzo, Lehman College, The City University of New York, and Scott Larson, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York, “Cuba’s Unique Remittance Landscape: A Comparative Perspective”

Rafael Romeu, International Monetary Fund, “The Gravity of Opening Cuba for Caribbean Tourism”

Discussants: Joaquín Pujol; Sergio Díaz-Briquets; William Trumbull, West Virginia University

Politics and Governance Issues

Chair: Armando Linde, President-Elect of ASCE

Alfredo Cuzán, University of West Florida, “Cuba’s Ranking in the Fitzgibbon Democracy Index: Reflecting a Leftist Bias?”

Daniel P. Erikson, Inter-American Dialogue, “Can Cuba Escape the Corruption Curse?”

G.B. Hagelberg and José Alvarez, “Command and Countermand: Cuba’s Sugar Industry under Fidel Castro”

Discussants: Juan del Aguila, Emory University; Gustavo Arnavat; Fred Royce, University of Florida

Economic Strategies

Chair: Carlos Quijano

Archibald Ritter, Carleton University, “Cuba: Economic Re-Orientation in a Changing Geo-Political Environment”

Rolando Castañeda, “Cuba: Medidas Fundamentales para Desatar la Transición hacia una Economía de Mercado con Crecimiento Alto y Sostenido”

Salvador Larrúa, “La reconstrucción de Cuba: Dificultades, reflexiones y soluciones”

Discussants: Lorenzo Pérez; Geni Gómez; Joaquín Pujol

The Meaning of Political Exile

Chair: Carlos Espinosa Domínguez

Eduardo Espina, Texas A&M University, “Urusa/Usaguay: El exilio y el país del no ser o ser otro”

Rafael Saumell, Sam Houston State University, “Sin amo pero con patria: exilio e insilio en la cultura cubana”

Soren Triff, Bristol Community College, “Paradojas culturales y contradicciones políticas de la identidad exiliada”

B. E. Aguirre, University of Delaware, “Political Exile as Cultural Trauma”

Discussants: Ricardo Puerta; Jerry Morales

Special Topics I

Chair: Argelio Maldonado

Eudel Cepero and Angélique Lawrence, Florida International University, “Before and After the Cayo Coco Causeway: A Critical View from Space”

Luis Muñoz, “Evaluación de mapas de riesgos y recursos de la problemática actual en el Municipio de La Habana Vieja”

Larry Daley, “A Pernicious Model for Control of the World Wide Web: The Cuba Case”

Discussants: René Costales; Joseph Scapaci, Virginia Tech

Real Estate-Related Issues

Chair: José Manuel Pallí

Orlando Rivero Valdés, “La tutela jurisdiccional de los derechos reales inmobiliarios en Cuba: Discurso jurídico reajuste socioeconómico”

Avelino González, “Propiedad y Derechos Reales en el Código Civil y la Nueva Constitución Cubana de 1976”

Timothy Ashby and Scott Jablonski, “Land Tenure in Cuba: Implications and Potential Models for Foreign Investment in a Future Cuba”

Discussants: Matías Travieso-Díaz, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman; Aldo M. Leiva, Abadin Jaramillo Cook & Heffernan

Student Papers

Chair: José Alvarez

Elena Sachetti, Universidad de Sevilla, Spain, “Experimenting with Change”

Kelsey Vidaillet, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Violations of Freedom of the Press in Cuba: 1952–1969”

Discussants: María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University; Alfredo Cuzán, University of West Florida

Special Topics II

Chair: Virgilio Blanco

Terri Dabney, New School, “Cuba and China: The Labor Links”

Carlos Seigle, Rutgers University, “Socioeconomic Differences between the Races in Cuba and their Implications for a Transition”

Martin Lessenthin, “Working for Human Rights in Cuba by the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) in Germany, Europe, and Worldwide”

Antonio A. Fernández and Pedro F. Pellet, “Politics and Metaphysics in Cuba: A Socioeconomic Approach”

Discussants: Virgilio Blanco; Luis Locay; Antonio Gayoso

Keynote Address

Ricardo López Murphy, “Las reformas en América Latina: Avances y Retrocesos”

Tourism

Chair: María Werlau

María Dolores Espino, “International Tourism in Socialist Cuba: A Vehicle for Transition?”

Felipe Sixto, “Cuban Trade and Tourism: Economic, Political, and Social Concerns”

Andrea Colantonio, “Tourism Development, Economic Opening Up and Changes in Planning Practices in Cuba Since 1989”

Discussants: Nicolás Crespo; Art Padilla

Community Medicine: Cuba and Venezuela

Chair: Gary Maybarduk

Katherine Hirschfeld, Oklahoma University, “Cuba’s Community Medicine”

Peter Maybarduk, “Building Community in Venezuela”

Elizabeth Kath, “Proactive Health Policies and Medical Paternalism in Cuba’s Public Health System”

Discussant: Dr. Sandra Domínguez

Military and Demographic Issues

Chair: Frank Mora, National Defense University

Armando Mastrapa, “Military Gerontocracy: A Generational Divide in Cuba’s Armed Forces?”

Domingo Amuchástegui, “FAR: New Generations in Power”

Daniel Perez-Lopez, “Cubans in the Island and in the U.S. Diaspora: Selected Demographic and Social Comparisons”

Discussants: Frank Mora, National Defense University; B.A. Aguirre, University of Delaware

Can Cuba Learn from Central and Eastern Europe?

Chair: José Antonio Font, Alianza Democrática

Tania C. Mastrapa, Mastrapa Consultants, “Collective Guilt, Citizenship, and Your Property”

Orlando Gutiérrez Boronat, Cuban Democratic Directorate, “Shared Experiences of Liberation Movements in Central-East Europe and Cuba”

Pedro Corzo, Journalist and Historian, “La Transición en Cuba, Una Asignatura Pendiente”

Discussant: Juan Carlos Espinosa, Miami Dade College

Agriculture/Agricultural Trade Topics

Chair: Jim Ross, University of Florida

Vanessa Harper, University of Florida, “A Micro-Economic Analysis of Farm Household Livelihood Strategies in the Sierra del Rosario Mountains in Western Cuba in Human Ecological Perspective”

Gary Maybarduk, “Agricultural Privatization in Transitional Economies: The Experience So Far”

William A. Messina, Jr., University of Florida, “Cuban Agriculture and U.S.-Cuban Agricultural Trade: Flourishing or Failing?”

Discussants: Antonio Gayoso; Paolo Spadoni

Cuban Immigration, Family Visits, and Academic Exchange: Recent Trends, State Policies, and Future Prospects

Chair: Mario González-Corzo

Phil Peters, Lexington Institute, “Sanctions Against Cuba: An Ethical Perspective”

Sergio Díaz-Briquets, “Cuban Global Emigration at the Turn of the Century: Overall Estimate and Selected Characteristics of the Emigrant Population”

Ted Henken, “Balseros in Alabama: Refugee Settlement Experiences and the Divided Fates of Cuban Rafters in the New South”

Discussants: Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan; Stephen Kimmerling, Esq.; Felipe Sixto, Center for a Free Cuba

Meeting to Define Economic Policy Actions for Submission to the Council of Ministers of Cuba: A Simulation

Coordinator: Jorge Sanguinety

Council Members:

Armando Linde, Monetary and Exchange Rate Policy

Ernesto Hernández-Catá, Wage/Price Policies and Safety Net

Lorenzo Pérez, Fiscal Policy

Matías Travieso-Díaz, Privatization

Joaquín Pujol, International Economic Policy

Antonio Gayoso, Agriculture and Small Enterprise Development

Comments by External Advisors

Carlos Quijano