

# ASCE's 30th Annual Meeting,

Part Two

**Caught in a Perfect “Storm”: Are Havana’s Responses Sufficient?**

January 4-6, 2021 - Virtual Conference

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## ***30va Reunión Anual de ASCE,***

*Segunda Parte*

*Atrapados en una perfecta "tormenta": ¿Son suficientes las respuestas de La Habana?*

*4-6 de enero de 2021 - Conferencia Virtual*

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## Monday, January 4, 2021

### 10:00 am-12:00 noon: Cuba's Economic Situation and Strategy

*Chair: Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University*

Ernesto Hernández-Catá, retired, International Monetary Fund, "The Misery of Merchandise Exports and the Sustainability of the Cuban Balance of Payments"

Luis R. Luis, International Financial Consultant, formerly Organization of American States, "Cuba: Dollar Crunch, Dollarization and Devaluation"

Jorge Sanguinety, retired, American University Program in Applied Economics, "Why is Cuba's Response to the Economic Crisis Insufficient?"

Tamarys L. Bahamonde-Perez, University of Delaware, "Cuba's Bureaucratic System and the Economic Crisis"

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### 2:00 pm-4:00 pm: External Relations

*Chair: Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State (retired)*

Larry Catá-Backer, Pennsylvania State University, "Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Cuba and China's Belt and Road Initiative."

Vadim Grishim, George Washington University, "A Point of No Return: The Ongoing Cuban Crisis in a Historical Framework"

Armando Chaguaceda, *Gobierno y Análisis Político AC*, "Poder Incisivo y Tecnología Política: presencia e imagen cubana en la academia latinoamericanista"

Rafael Velázquez Pérez, *Universidad de Vigo/Universidad de Holguín*, "Relaciones entre Cuba y España"

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## Tuesday, January 5, 2021

### 10:00 am-12:00 noon: U.S.-Cuba Economic Relations

*Chair: Natalia Delgado, Columbia University*

Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State (retired), "Encouraging Cuba's Economic Reform: Can America Help?"

Paolo Spadoni, Augusta University, "The Economic Impact of Trump's Measures against Cuba"

Caroline McCollough, Florida International University, "The Helms-Burton Act: Then and Now"

Mrinalini Tankha, Portland State University, "Detained Settlements: Electronic Payment Infrastructures and Precarity in US-Cuba Financial Transactions"

Ricardo Herrero, Cuba Study Group, "US-Cuba Private Sector Engagement: Merits and Missed Opportunities"

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### 2:00 pm-4:00 pm: Agriculture

*Chair: Larry Catá Backer, Penn State University*

Mario A. Gonzalez-Corzo, Lehman College, and Armando Nova, *Universidad de la Habana*, "*Desarrollo de la Producción Agropecuaria en Cuba. Plan de Soberanía Alimentaria y Nutricional.*" (Presentation may be in English)

William Messina, University of Florida, "Cuba's Agricultural Production and Trade Patterns: Good News or Bad News?"

Juan Tomás Sánchez, "*La 'Tarea Ordenamiento' y el cultivo de la tierra*", *Asociación de Colonos de Cuba*, Miami

Joan Martínez Évora, University of Miami, School of Business, "Land and Peasants in Cuba: To Have and to Hold?"

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## Wednesday, January 6, 2021

### 10:00 am-12:00 noon: Book Discussion: *La Cuba que quisimos. Essays on the New Cuban Constitution*

The book selects and publishes articles that first appeared on the *Cuba Posible* website, as well as never-published material, regarding Cuba's new Constitution.

*Moderator and panelist:* Claudia González Marrero, *Justus-Liebig University* (Gießen, Germany) and *Universidad Sergio Arboleda*, Bogotá, Colombia

Panelists: Elaine Acosta, Visiting Researcher, Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, Miami

Jorge I. Domínguez, retired, former Professor of Government, Harvard University

Lenier González Mederos, former Assistant Director, *Cuba Posible*, and co-editor, *Espacio Laical*

Mauricio de Miranda Parrondo, formerly *Cuba Posible*; now *Ponticia Universidad Javeriana*, Cali, Colombia

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### 2:00 pm-4:00 pm: Contemporary Crises in Cuba and Venezuela

*Chair:* Beatriz Casals, Board of Directors, Bacardi Family Foundation and Board of Advisors, Georgetown University, Democracy and Governance Program

Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan "Contemporary Crisis in Cuba"

Carlos A. Romero, *Universidad Central de Venezuela*, "Contemporary Crisis in Venezuela"

José Manuel Puente, *Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (IESA)*, Caracas, and Oxford University, London, "Venezuela in the Stage of Macroeconomic Collapse: A Historical and Comparative Analysis."

Domingo Amuchastegui, Former Cuban Intelligence Analyst, and Professor of International Relations, "Venezuela's Elections, the Fragmented Opposition, and the United States"

Discussant: Efraín Velázquez, *Presidente, Consejo de Economía Nacional de Venezuela*