

Dear Members of the ASCE Community

We are delighted to invite you to register for each of the sessions of the upcoming 31st Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy. This year all sessions are open only to individuals who are members in good standing of ASCE (and have paid their annual dues of \$90.00), or who have paid the conference fee. Fee waivers are available to individuals who are seeking to access the Annual Conference events from Cuba (assuming internet connectivity is then available), or individuals who are credited members of the press. Students may register for the Conference sessions for a reduced fee of \$25.00.

As we have done for past virtual conferences, it is necessary to register for each session individually. This year ASCE has organized six (6) sessions PLUS two “open mike” sessions during which participants are encouraged to exchange views on the current situation in Cuba and especially events after the eruption of protests on 11 July 2021.

Please click on the following links to register for those sessions you would like to join. PLEASE EITHER CLICK ON THE LINK OR COPY AND PASTE THE LINK ADDRESS TO YOUR BROWSER.

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### DAY 1, THURSDAY AUGUST 12

#### 1. 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM.

**Opening Remarks—ASCE President; Session 1: Economic and Political Context.** Chair: Gary Maybarduk, ASCE President; Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Professor Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh, “Key Economic and Social Factors That Provoked the Worst Cuban Economic Crisis since the 1990s and Subsequent Street Protests”; Jorge I. Domínguez, “The Triumphs and Failures of Bureaucratic Socialism in Cuba in 2018-2021”; Omar Everlenny Pérez Villanueva, “La economía cubana: La Tarea Ordenamiento y su repercusión social”

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#### 2. 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM.

**Session 2: Tarea Ordenamiento and its Aftermath.** Chair: Joaquín Pujol, IMF retired; Luis R. Luis, “Inflation Trends and Devaluation in Cuba”; Ernesto Hernández-Cat “Expectations under a Fixed Exchange Rate Regime: An Imaginary Model of the Official Cuban Peso”; Gabriel Di Bella and Rafael Romeu, “Considerations on the Impact of Peso Unification in 2021” Gabriel Di Bella, Rafael Romeu, and Nemanja Jovanovic, “What can we learn from Cuba’s Parallel Exchange Rate after currency unification?”

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**3. 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM.**

**Open Mic Session: Cuba’s Economic Policy Options in Response to Current Crisis**

**Moderator: Luis Luis.** Up to 3 experts to introduce topics to speak for five minutes each. Members' responses are limited to 3 minutes each.

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**DAY 2, FRIDAY AUGUST 13**

**4. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.**

**Session 3: International Dimensions;** Chair: Natalia Delgado, Columbia Law School; Silvia Pedraza and Carlos A. Romero, “Cuba and Venezuela Cooperation. Doctors for Oil: The Social Dimension of the Partnership”; Yvon Grenier, St. Francis Xavier University, “No Sanction: Explaining Canadian Foreign Policy toward Cuba”; Martin Palous, Florida International University, “Cuba in 2021: A Central European Point of View”

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**5. 2:00 PM- 2:15 PM.**

**Session 4: Cuban Political Economy Challenges;** Chair: Jorge Esquirol, Florida International University; José Gabilondo, “Socialism 2.0: Rebuilding Cuba’s Post-Castro Economy”; Larry Catá Backer, “The 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba and the Future of the Cuban Economic Model”; Vadim Grishin, “The 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of the CPC: Continuity vs. Reforms”

Soren Triff, “La trata de personas y la justicia transicional en la postura deliberativa digital de los artistas cubanos”.

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**6. 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM.**

**Open Mic Session: The Cuban Crisis and American Policy Responses**

**Moderator: Gary Maybarduk;** Up to 3 experts to introduce topics to speak for five minutes each. Members' responses are limited to 3 minutes each.

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**DAY 3, SATURDAY AUGUST 14**

**7. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.**

**Session 5: Agriculture;** Chair: Felipe Manteiga; Olimpia Gómez-Consuegra and Tomás Depestre, “Producción de Semillas Hortícolas: Actualización de Caso de Estudio en Cuba” William Messina, University of Florida, "Cuban Agricultural Production and Trade in the Midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic; Mario A. Gonzalez-Corzo, Lehman College, The City University of New York (CUNY), "Policy Measures to Incentivize Agricultural Production in Cuba after the 8th Party Congress."; Alonso Exposito Alvarez, “El minifundio rural: principal estructura agraria de Cuba desde la época precolombina hasta nuestros días”; *Recordando a Pepín Alvarez*. Comments by Francisco Proenza, William Messina, and Jorge Perez-Lopez.

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**8. 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

**Session 6: The Last Wave: Recent Work on the Cuban Exodus.** Chair and discussant: Jorge Duany, Florida International University; Elaine Acosta González, Universidad Internacional de la Florida, “Permanencias y cambios en la ‘nueva’ migración cubana a Miami” Yarimis Méndez Pupo, Universidad de Guadalajara, México, “¿Por qué se van los que se fueron? Un acercamiento a las motivaciones y expectativas de migrantes cubanos calificados de la oleada migratoria de los años 1995–2017”; Veronica Diaz, Florida International University, “The (Cuban-) American Dream of Post-Soviet Era Cuban Immigrants: Perceptions vs. Realities”; Denisse Delgado Vázquez, University of Massachusetts, Boston, “Cuban Newcomers: Their Economic Behavior and Political Motivations”.

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For registration information please contact me at [lcb911z@me.com](mailto:lcb911z@me.com).

We look forward to seeing you virtually at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference.

All the best