



**2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION
FOR THE STUDY OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY(ASCE)
Jointly with the
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**

September 15-17, 2022

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 am-10:00

Coffee and Registration

10:00-10:15 AM—Large Courtroom

Opening Remarks

Antony Page, Dean, FIU College of Law

Gary Maybarduk, ASCE President

Jorge Esquirol, Professor, FIU College of Law

10:15 am-11:45 am—Large Courtroom

Session 1. Current Economic, Political and Social Situation

Chair: Gary Maybarduk, ASCE President

Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh, "La economía cubana en 2020-2022"

Jorge I. Dominguez, Harvard University (retired), "Whatever It Takes: The Cuban Leadership's Regime Stabilizing Strategies, 2020-2022"

Enrique Pumar, Fay Boyle University Professor, Santa Clara University, "The Persistent Social Dilemmas of the Revolution"

12:00 noon-1 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Session 2. Tarea Ordenamiento – Large Courtroom

Chair: Luis Locay, University of Miami

José Gabilondo, FIU College of Law, “Causation and Culpability in the Cuban Economy: The Tarea Ordenamiento Under the U.S. Blockade”

Gabriel Di Bella, Nemanja Jovanovich and Rafael Romeu, “Cuba’s Exchange Rate Unification: From Theory to Practice”

Rodolfo Méndez, BBVA Research, José Pineda, DevTech Systems, Inc, and Rafael Romeu, DevTech Systems, Inc, “Cuba's Macroeconomic Vulnerabilities to Venezuelan Shocks: Evidence from the Reordenamiento Period 2021-2022”

Discussants: Lorenzo Pérez, IMF (retired); Luis Luis

Session 3. La situación actual de Cuba, el cuidado de una población envejecida y propuestas a futuro—Small Courtroom

Sesión basada en el XIII Informe de Estudio del Centro de Estudios Convivencia (en Cuba) en colaboración con el proyecto CUIDO60 (en el exterior) sobre envejecimiento, cuidados y derechos.

Panelistas:

- Elaine Acosta, Directora de CUIDO60 y FIU Cuban Research Institute
- Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Miembro del Consejo de Asesores de CUIDO60 y Profesor Emérito, Universidad de Pittsburgh
- Dagoberto Valdés, Director del Centro de Estudios Convivencia
- Yoandy Izquierdo, Miembro del Consejo, Centro de Estudios Convivencia

Comentarista: Sergio Angel, Director Fundación 4Metrica, investigador de Cuido60 y Food Monitor Program, Colombia

2:30 pm-2:45 pm COFFEE BREAK

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm —Large Courtroom

Session 4. Cuban Environmental Law

Chair: Jorge Esquirol, FIU College of Law

Berta Hernández-Truyol, University of Florida Law School, “The Human Environment”

Daimar Cánovas González, University of Havana Law School, “Presente y futuro del derecho ambiental en Cuba”

Discussants: Sergio Díaz-Briquets, María Dolores Espino

4:15 pm-4:30 pm COFFEE BREAK

4:30 pm-5:45 pm —Large Courtroom

Session 5. Carlos Díaz-Alejandro Lectur

Chair: Gary Maybarduk, ASCE President

Lecturer: Scott Rozelle, Stanford University,

“Agricultural Reform in Former Socialist Countries”

5:45 pm-7:00 pm

Welcoming Reception There will be two brief memorials in honor of long-time ASCE contributors, Ernesto Hernández-Catá and José Ramón de la Torre, at the beginning of the reception, by Luis Luis and Roger Betancourt, respectively.

7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Cultural Event – Movie “Lázaro and the Shark”

William Sabourin O’Reilly, Writer and Director Tomás Montoya, Producer and Consultant Ted A. Henken, Moderator

Screening and discussion of the new (as yet unreleased) documentary film, "Lázaro and The Shark." The film was made by Havana native William Sabourin O'Reilly and is set in Santiago during its famous Carnival Conga competitions.

FRIDAY , SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 am-10:30 am —Large Courtroom

Session 6. Natural and Labor Resources Chair: René Costales, IDB (retired)

Colin Crawford, Golden Gate Law School, “Cuba's Energy Future: Options Based on Renewable Energy and Not Carbon-Dependent Sources” Sergio Díaz-Briquets

and Jorge Pérez-López, “Water, Fgxnqr o gpv"cpf"Gpxktqp o gpv"kp"Ewdc<"C"

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10:30 am-10:45 am

COFFEE BREAK

10:45 am-12:15 pm

Session 7. Political Dimensions—Large Courtroom

Chair: Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

Larry Catá Backer, Penn State University School of Law, “From the 8th Cuban Communist Party Congress through the July/November 2021 Popular Protests: Ideology, Mass Movements and Sustainability as Discourse, Trigger and Goal in Cuba”

Enrique S. Pumar, Santa Clara University, “The Politics of Resilience: Authoritarian Bargaining and Regime Capacity”

Julio César Guanche, Investigador Independiente, “Política y sociedad civil en Cuba”

Oniel Diaz, Managing Partner, AUGE SRL, "MSMEs in Cuba: The First Year in the Life of the Youngest Cuban Economic Actor"

Discussants: Jorge Domínguez, Harvard University (retired); Ted Henken, Baruch College, City University of New York

Session 8. The Cuban Economy: Internal and External Issues—Small Courtroom

Chair: Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University

Luis Locay, University of Miami, “The Use of Socioeconomic Indicators to Estimate PPP Adjusted Income: An Application to Cuba Circa 1957”

Paolo Spadoni, Augusta University, “The External Sector of Cuba’s Economy: Performance and Challenges”

Luis Luis, “Foreign Investment in Cuba: Risk, Uncertainty and Sanctions”

Natalia Delgado, Columbia Law School, “Cuba’s Proposed Law on Expropriation: Implications for Foreign Investment”

Discussants: Armando Linde, IMF (retired); Ricardo Herrero, Cuba Study Group

12:15 pm- 2:00 pm

Session 9. ASCE LUNCHEON

Ernesto Betancourt Lecture

Mayra Espina, Consejo Editorial de la Revista Temas y profesora invitada de FLACSO, “Cuba: crisis, desigualdades y prácticas de vida cotidiana”

2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Session 10. Domestic and Transnational Issues—Large Courtroom

Chair: Natalia Delgado, Columbia Law School

Silvia Pedraza and Carlos A. Romero, “Contemporary Crises in Cuba: Economic, Political, and Social”

Libby Adler, Northeastern University School of Law, "On the *why* of same-sex marriage in Cuba"

Kenneth Lipner, FIU, “White Prosperity, Black Pain: The Opportunity Costs of the U.S. Embargo in Miami and Cuba”

Soren Triff, “From 'Guillermo Tell' to 'Lambo en Varadero': Resetting Relations with a new generation of Cubans, realigning the demands for freedom and justice, and decoupling the failed European economic policy of 'Wandel durch Handel”

Discussant: Denisse Delgado, University of Massachusetts; Stephen Kimmerling

Session 11. Agriculture—Small Courtroom

Chair: Juan Tomás Sánchez

Armando Nova González, University of Havana, “Intercooperación, alimentación y desarrollo local”

William Messina, University of Florida, “What is Happening in Cuba’s Agricultural and Food Systems?”

Mario A. González-Corzo, Lehman College, City University of New York (CUNY), “Economic Reforms and Cattle Beef Production in Cuba”

Tomas Depestre, Mario A. González-Corzo, and Olimpia Gómez Consuegra, “Problemática de la Producción de Tomate en Cuba”

Discussants: Juan Tomás Sánchez; Scott Rozelle, Stanford University; Gary Maybarduk, ASCE President

3:30 pm-3:45 pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:45 pm-5:00 pm

Session 12. Cuba and the Global Economy—Large Courtroom

Chair: Joaquín Pujol, IMF (retired)

Jorge Piñón, Latin America and Caribbean Energy and Environmental Program, Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy, the University of Texas at Austin, “The Current Situation of the Cuban Energy Sector”

Vadim Grishin, George Washington University, “Cuba’s Troubled Times: Old Issues in a New Geopolitical Context”

Maria Werlau, Cuba Archive, “Cuba’s biotechnology diplomacy: pandemic as opportunity”

Discussant: Ricardo Torres, American University; René Costales, IDB (retired)

Session 13. Diez años del proyecto CubaEmprende. Una iniciativa de dos orillas, que ha marcado el desarrollo de los emprendimientos privados en Cuba

Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Diálogo, Matanzas, Cuba. “Introducción al contexto económico, político y social 2012-2022 para el desarrollo de los negocios, elementos que propiciaron la creación y evolución de CubaEmprende”

Perla de la Caridad Baltar Rodríguez, Directora del Proyecto CubaEmprende, “Capacitación y acompañamiento a emprendedores, resultados del proyecto CubaEmprende en el desarrollo de los emprendimientos privados”

Rolando G. Suárez Cobian, Presidente del Consejo de Dirección del Proyecto CubaEmprende, “CubaEmprende, concepción de un proyecto para construir una Cuba prospera, desde la participación de todos”

William Bello Sánchez, Coordinador del Programa OASIS de RSE del Proyecto Cuba Emprende, “Responsabilidad Social Empresarial desde el proyecto

CubaEmprende: OASIS, un programa para elevar el impacto social y ambiental de los emprendedores cubanos”

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

ASCE BUSINESS MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 am-10:30 am—Large Courtroom

Session 14. New Rules for the Cuban Private Sector from the Ground Up-- Small Courtroom

Chair: Ted Henken, Baruch College, City University of New York

Panelists:

- Diana Figueroa (Jíbaro's Restaurant)
- Erich García (QvaPay)
- Yunior González (BB's y Habanece Vacations)
- Camilo Condis (Lucendi SLR)

10:30 am-10:45 am COFFEE BREAK

10:45 am-12 noon--Large Courtroom

Session 15. Panel: Dinámicas de transformación en Cuba--entre la reforma y las prácticas de los nuevos actores económicos—Small Courtroom

Chair: Omar Everlenny Pérez Villanueva, Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Dialogo,
Matanzas

Panelists:

Ricardo Torres Pérez, American University, “Distorsiones estructurales y reforma
económica en Cuba”

Omar Everlenny Pérez Villanueva, Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Diálogo,
Matanzas, ¿Las Mpymes se aprobaron y ahora cuál es su desempeño?

David J. Pajon Espina, Universidad de la Habana, “Cryptocurrencies in Cuba:
Opportunities for the Private Sector”

Denisse Delgado, University of Massachusetts, Boston, “Remesas hacia Cuba: El
rol de las remesas para emigrantes cubanos”

IN-PERSON BOOK PRESENTATION

All are invited to join former ASCE president Ted A. Henken as he presents the Spanish and English editions of his new co-edited book, *Cuba's Digital Revolution: Citizen Innovation and State Policy*, at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17 at Books and Books, 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables.