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Grupo de Trabajo de la Disidencia Interna para el Estudio de la Situación Socio-Económica Cubana (La Habana), read by Ricardo Puerta

Frank Calzón, Center for a Free Cuba

Implications for Cuba of Latin American Economic and Political Experiences

Perspectives from Latin American Economic Developments and Implications from Cuba

Claudio Loser, International Monetary Fund

Discussant: Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems

Cuba: The Latin American Political Context

Mauricio Font, Queens College

Discussant: Alfred Cuzán, University of West Florida

Tourism

Back to the Future: Cuban Tourism in the Year 2007

Nicolás Crespo, Cuban Society of Tourism Professionals

Cuba's Tourist Industry: Sol Meliá and Varadero as Case Studies

Félix Godínez, Case Western Reserve University

Promoting Place Through Architectural Heritage: Restoration and Preservation
of Twentieth Century Architectural Design in Miramar

Artimus Keiffer and Sarah K. Wagner, Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis

Discussants: María Dolores Espino, Economatrix, Inc., and Evaldo Cabarrouy, University of Puerto Rico

Legal Issues

The Rush to Register: U.S.-Cuba Intellectual Property Rights and Foreign Policy

Pamela Falk, City University of New York School of Law

Discussant: Steven Escobar, U.S. Department of Commerce

Immigration Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Transition Cuba

Matías Travieso-Díaz, Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge

Discussant: Juan Carlos Bermúdez, Bermúdez & Tomé

The Role of Foreign Investment in the Development of an Environmental Infrastructure in Post-Castro Cuba

Aldo Leiva, Attorney

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Enterprises and the Second Economy in Cuba

Small Business in Cuba: Challenges and Opportunities

Phil Peters, The Alexis de Tocqueville Institution, and Joseph Scarpaci, Virginia Tech

Discussant: José M. Ruisánchez, Consultant

Politics and Culture of Work in the Dual Cuban Economy: An Anthropological Perspective

Mary Katherine Crabb, Emory University

Discussant: René Costales, Inter-American Development Bank

Second Economy, Second Society, and Political Control in Cuba: Perspectives from Institutional and Network Economics

Mario A. Rivera, University of New Mexico

Discussant: Juan Carlos Espinosa, University of Miami

CEPAL Report on the Cuban Economy

Apreciación y análisis del estudio de la CEPAL

Rolando Castañeda, Inter-American Development Bank

The Treatment of Social Issues in CEPAL's Report

Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh

Special Topics

Distance Learning and Implications for Cuba

Jorge Luis Romeu, SUNY at Cortland

Discussant: Uva de Aragón, Florida International University

What Needs to be Done About the Cuban Quagmire? The Case for a Muddling Through Approach

Enrique Pumar, Catholic University

The Finland Analogy: A New U.S. Policy Towards Cuba

Roberto Weil, Universidad Latinoamericana de la Libertad Friedrich Hayek

Discussant: Mario A. Rivera, University of New Mexico

Environment

Cuba's New Pollution Control Regime: Law No. 81, the New Law on the Environment

María Dolores Espino, Economatrix, Inc.

Economic Systems and Environmental Degradation: Implications for Cuba

Sergio Díaz-Briquets, Casals & Associates, and Jorge Pérez-López, Department of Labor

Discussant: Armando H. Portela, Geographer

Rainfall in Little Havana

Diego Roqué, Barry University

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Culture of Opposition in Cuba I

Mulas, bisneras y jineteras: Self-Employment as a Form of Opposition

Ileana Fuentes, C.U.B.A.N.A.S., Inc.

Suicidio en Cuba: Desconformidad y denuncia

Maida Donate, Cuban American National Council, Inc.

Soy Van Van: San Pedro y Orula cantan en La Habana

Rafael Saumell, Sam Houston State University

Culture of Opposition and Collective Action in Cuba

Benigno Aguirre, Texas A&M University

Discussant: José Cobas, Arizona State University

Macroeconomics

Economic Development in the Tropics: Possibility or Fiction

Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland, and Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University

Discussant: Ricardo Martínez, Inter-American Development Bank

Price Liberalization, Money Growth and the Behavior of Inflation During the Transition to a Market Economy

Ernesto Hernández-Catá, International Monetary Fund

Discussant: Manuel Lasaga, StratInfo

La crisis del peso mexicano y lecciones para Cuba

Roberto Orro, Universidad de Guanajuato

Discussant: Armando Linde, International Monetary Fund

Culture of Opposition in Cuba II

Lecciones de la paz en Centroamérica: Un intento de aplicación a Cuba

Nelson Amaro, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala

Public Opinion Dynamics and Building a Civil Society

Ernesto Betancourt, International Development and Finance

Political Culture and Democracy in Cuba: Comparative Reflections

Mauricio Solaún, University of Illinois

Political Disaffection: Cuba's Revolution and Exodus

Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

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Are There Interrelated Implications for Agriculture of Cuba's Efforts to Integrate into the Global Economy and Trends Toward Expanded Caribbean Integration

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Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

Lo que fue y no fue: La visita del Papa a Cuba

José Manuel Hernández, Georgetown University—Emeritus

Impressions from the Pope's Visit to Cuba

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Free From What? Where to? And the Role of Cuban Americans in the Continent

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Panel Discussion: Opposition in Cuba—Current Realities and Alternatives

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