

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY (ASCE)

Seventeenth Annual Meeting
The Radisson Miami Hotel, Miami, Florida
August 2–4, 2007

Conference Program

Current Economic and Political Situation

Armando Linde, ASCE President
Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh
Oscar Espinosa Chepe, Independent Economist, La Habana
Juan del Aguila, Emory University

Transition Experiences: Conclusions to Draw, Paths to Follow, Pitfalls to Avoid

Lessons for Cuba of the Eastern European Transitions
Ricardo Lago, Florida International University
Hungría, 1989–2006: Una Experiencia de Transición Económica Gradual Exitosa. Lecciones para Cuba
Rolando H. Castañeda and Geni Gómez
From Dead Ends and Blind Corners to Open Highways: Traveling Down the Road to Cuban Economic Liberalization
Armando Linde, IMF
Price Liberalization and the End of the Rationing System in Cuba
Ernesto Hernández-Catá, Johns Hopkins University
Discussants: Gary Maybarduk; Enrique Pumar, Catholic University of America

Infrastructure Reform in Cuba: Lessons Learned from Transition and Developing Countries

Reforming the Ports
Teo Babún
Reforming the Power, Telecommunications and Water Systems
Juan Belt, USAID
Improving the Highway and Road System
Jacob Greenstein and Carlos Penin
Discussant: Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland

Labor Issues

Los derechos laborales en Cuba

Jesús Mercader, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid

Estado actual de los Sindicatos Independientes en Cuba y su papel en la transición en Cuba

Joel Brito

Actualización y ampliación de los Principios Arcos y la inversión extranjera en Cuba

Rolando Castañeda y Plinio Montalván

Discussant: Efrén Córdova

Agriculture

Cuba's Dysfunctional Agriculture: Challenges Facing the Government

Jerry Hagelberg and José Alvarez, University of Florida

American Colonists and the Development of the Cuban Citrus Industry, 1899–1930

Carmen Diana Deere, University of Florida

U.S. International Trade Commission Investigation of U.S. Agricultural Sales to Cuba and the Economic Effect of Certain Trade Restrictions

John Reeder, U.S. International Trade Commission

Discussants: James E. Ross, James E. Ross & Associates; Mary Speck, WorldPublicOpinion; William Messina, University of Florida

Transition Strategies from the Island: Commentary on *Itinerario de Reflexión Económica para Cuba*

Gerardo Martínez-Solanas

Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems

Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh

Rolando Castañeda

Ted Henken, Baruch College, CUNY

Ethanol: Prospects and Challenges

Cuba and Ethanol: Projections for a Private Economy

Juan Tomás Sánchez

El programa brasileiro de etanol: Lecciones para Cuba

Jorge Hernández Fonseca, Universidade do Estado do Pará, Brasil

Food versus Fuel: A False Cuban Dilemma

Antonio Gayoso, Thunderbird University

Discussant: James Peeples, NewGen Biofuels, Inc.

Análisis Estratégico de un Escenario de Transición: Pacto de Paz y Prosperidad—Panel Sociopolítico

Two Transitions

Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

Getting There from Here: Six Decades after Cuba's Last Democratic Elections for President

Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Inter-American Dialogue

Taliban in Tallahassee: Neocom in Havana

Alejandro Armengol, El Nuevo Herald,

Beyond the Battle of Ideas

Mauricio Font, Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies, CUNY

Governance and Institutional Inertia

Alfie Ulloa, Harvard University

Unusual Suspects: Commonly Forgotten Elements in Planning for Transition in Cuba
María Werlau, Orbis International
Discussants: Armando de Armas; Dan Erickson, Inter-American Dialogue

Legal Issues I

¿Qué debe incluir una Constitución?
Alberto Luzárraga
Land Title Registration in Cuba: Past, Present, and Future
José Manuel Pallí, World Wide Title
Intellectual Property Rights Issues
Jay Sanchelima, Esq.
Discussant: Stephen Kimmerling, Esq.

Transition Issues

A Six Sigma Analysis of a Cuban Transition
Jorge Luis Romeu, Syracuse University
Cuba at the Crossroads: Environmental Management in Transition
Terry Maris, Ohio Northern University
Suburbanizing Havana and Sofia: Comparisons of Post-socialist Peri-urban Change
Sonia Hirt and Joseph L. Scarpaci, Virginia Tech
Discussants: Alfred Cuzán, University of West Florida; Ed Canler; Ted Henken, Baruch College, CUNY

Análisis Estratégico de un Escenario de Transición: Pacto de Paz y Prosperidad—Panel de Economía Política

Investment Funds for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Carlos Saladrigas, Cuba Study Group
Policies to Attract Remittances in the Dominican Republic: Impact and Lessons for Cuba
Mario González-Corzo and Scott Larson, Lehman College, CUNY
Key Strategic Aspects of Cuba's Reinsertion into the Global Economy
Geni Gomez, FreddieMac
Cuba: How to Achieve High and Sustainable Growth for Employment Generation
Rolando Castañeda
Discussants: Ricardo Puerta; Dan Erickson, Inter-American Dialogue; Alfie Ulloa, Harvard University

Legal Issues II

International Commercial Arbitration in Transition-Era Cuba: Outlook and Analysis
Aldo Leiva, Abadin Cook
Restitución de propiedades en Cuba: Consideraciones legales, políticas y prácticas
Pedro Freyre, Akerman Senterfitt
Discussant: José Gabilondo, College of Law, FIU

El Síndrome del Pesimismo post-Totalitario y la Recuperación de la Esperanza

Carlos Alberto Montaner, Author and Syndicated Columnist

Economic Topics

Human Rights and Economic Growth: Implications for a Cuban Transition
Roger Betancourt, University of Maryland
Cuban Monetary Reforms and Their Relationship to Policies to Attract and Increase Remittances
Mario González-Corzo, Lehman College

Possible Scenarios in the Cuban Transition to Market Economy

Antonio E. Morales-Pita, DePaul University

ASCE's Contribution to the Study of Cuban Agriculture: Implications for the Transition

José Alvarez, University of Florida

Discussants: Lorenzo Pérez, IMF; Ed Canler.

Student Papers

FAR from Perfect: The Cuban Military and the Potential for State-Corporatism in Post Communist Cuba

Brenden Carbonell, Yale University

Making Sense of Dissidence and Repression in Cuba: A Game Theoretic Analysis

Matthew Craig, University of North Carolina

Discussants: Ted Henken, Baruch College, CUNY; José Alvarez, University of Florida

Special Topics

Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente en el Futuro de Cuba

Raúl Fernández

Cuba and Illegal Operations: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Silvia Nilsen

Politics and Metaphysics in Cuba: A Socioeconomic Approach

Pedro Pellet and Antonio Fernández

Discussants: María Werlau, Jorge Pérez-López; Eudel Cepero.

Diaspora Issues

Policies to Attract Remittances in the Dominican Republic: Impact and Lessons for Cuba

Mario A. González-Corzo, Lehman College, and Scott Larson, City University of New York

The Diaspora as a Commercial Network for Cuban Reconstruction

Jorge Pérez-López

Interactions between the Island and the Diaspora

Sergio Díaz-Briquets

Discussant: Ricardo Puerta

Politics and International Relations

The Politics of Framing

Enrique Pumar, Catholic University of America

Cuba under Fidel and Raul

Rogelio de la Torre

El programa Barrio Adentro y el financiamiento de la Salud Pública en Venezuela

José Félix Oletta

U.S.-Cuba Security Relations

Dan Erikson, InterAmerican Dialogue,

Discussant: Juan del Aguila, Emory University

Lessons from the Baltic

Privatization through Restitution in the Baltic States

Viktor Trasberg, Centre for Baltic Studies, Tartu University

Issues and Problems with Migration of Communist-run Infrastructures and Societies to a Democratic Market-Oriented Society

Ints Dzelzgalvis, former IBM Senior Manager,

The Presence of the Past in the Baltic: Descendants of WWII Refugees' 'Return' to their Latvian and Estonian Homelands

Delaney Skerrett, Tartu University

Investing in the Baltic

Tania C. Mastrapa, Mastrapa Consultants

Discussant: Nick Gutierrez, Jr., Esq., Borgognoni & Gutierrez, LLP

Havana and its Landscape

Nicolás Quintana

Eudel Cepero

Jorge Sanguinety

Juan Belt

