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Cuba From the Castros to COVID: An ASCE Virtual Conference

August 13-15, 2020

August 13, 10.15 am – 10.30 am

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

ASCE President (2018-2020) Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

August 13, 10.30 a.m. – Noon

1. The Cuban Economy and Prospects After COVID-19

Chair: Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan
Larry Catá-Backer, Pennsylvania State University, "Cuba's Response to COVID-19 and the Consequences for Cuba of the Pandemic"
Ricardo Torres Pérez, Universidad de la Habana, "The Cuban economic puzzle after the pandemic" ["El rompecabezas económico cubano después de la pandemia"]
Elías Amor Bravo, Professor, ESIC Business & Marketing School, Valencia, Spain Campus, "Cuba: Return to Communist Normalcy After COVID-19"

August 13, 2.30 pm – 4 pm

2. The Cuba-Venezuela Economic Relationship

Chair: Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State (retired)
Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh, "Adverse External Sector Impacts on the Cuban Economy"
Luis R. Luis, "Venezuelan-Cuban Mutual Aid: Grants, Subsidies and Fantasies"
Vadim Grishin, George Washington University, "Venezuela and Cuba: Inside a Perfect Storm of Sanctions, Corporate Politics and Changing Economic Policies"

August 14, 10.30 am - Noon

3. "Destrabando" the Cuban Economy: An Assessment of Reforms and the Road Ahead

Chair: Natalia Delgado, Columbia University
Jorge Pérez-López, U.S. Department of Labor (retired), "Raúl's Reforms: Progress and Pending Issues."
Pavel Vidal, Universidad Javeriana de Cali, Colombia, "The Great Lockdown and the Cuban Economy: First Impacts and Policy Responses"
Pedro Manuel Monreal Gonzalez, UNESCO, "Companies and the sequence of economic reform in Cuba."

August 14, 2.30 pm – 4 pm

4. Carlos Díaz Alejandro Lecture

Chair: Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University
Distinguished Speaker: Alejandro de la Fuente, Harvard University, "Racism with Equality? Measuring Racial Inequality in Cuba, 1980-2010"
Discussant: Tanya K. Hernandez, Fordham University Law School

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5. Roundtable on Currency Developments

Chair: Joaquín Pujol, International Monetary Fund (retired)
Experts: Roberto Orro, Caribbean Analysis Unit, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Pavel Vidal, Universidad Javeriana de Cali, Colombia; Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Diálogo, La Habana; Rafael Romeu, DevTech Systems; Lorenzo Pérez, International Monetary Fund (retired)

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6. Student Panel

Chair: Mario González-Corzo, Lehman College, CUNY
Presenters: TBA
Discussant: TBA

August 15 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

ASCE President (2020-2022) Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State (retired)