

**January 2021 ASCE Virtual Meeting  
Caught in a Perfect Storm: Are Havana's Responses Sufficient?,  
January 4-6, 2021**

**Monday, January 4, 2021**

**10:00 am-12:00 noon**

**1. Cuba's Economic Situation and Strategy**

**Registration Link**

**[https://psu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-3DfWzI2RjONgS7I5xJTRA](https://psu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-3DfWzI2RjONgS7I5xJTRA)**

Chair: Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University

Ernesto Hernández-Catá, "The Misery of Merchandise Exports and the Sustainability of the Cuban Balance of Payments"

Luis Luis, "Cuba: Dollar Crunch, Dollarization and Devaluation"

Jorge Sanguinety, "Why is Cuba's Response to the Economic Crisis Insufficient?"

Tamarys L. Bahamonde-Perez, University of Delaware, "Cuba's Bureaucratic System and the Economic Crisis"

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**2:00 pm-4:00 pm**

**2. External Relations**

**Registration Link**

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Chair: Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State (retired)

Yuri González Hernández, Havana attorney, and Larry Catá-Backer, Pennsylvania State University, "Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Cuba and China's Belt and Road Initiative."

Vadim Grishim, George Washington University, "A Point of No Return: The Ongoing Cuban Crisis in a Historical Framework"

Armando Chaguaceda, Gobierno y Análisis Político AC, "Poder Incisivo y Tecnología Política: presencia e imagen cubana en la academia latinoamericanista"

Larry Catá Backer, Pennsylvania State University, and Rafael Velázquez Pérez, Universidad de Vigo/Universidad de Holguín, "Relaciones entre Cuba y la EU y España (Cuba-EU Relations with a focus on Spain)"

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

**10:00 am-12:00 noon**

**3. U.S.-Cuba Economic Relations**

**Registration Link**

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Chair: Natalia Delgado, Columbia University

Gary Maybarduk, U.S. Department of State (retired), "Encouraging Cuba's Economic Reform: Can America Help?"

Paolo Spadoni, Augusta University, "The Economic Impact of Trump's Measures Against Cuba"

Caroline McCollough, Florida International University, "The Helms-Burton Act: Then and Now"

Mrinalini Tankha, Portland State University, "Detained Settlements: Electronic Payment Infrastructures and Precarity in US-Cuba Financial Transactions"

Ricardo Herrero, Cuba Study Group, "US-Cuba Private Sector Engagement: Merits and Missed Opportunities"

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**4. Agriculture**

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Chair: Larry Catá Backer, Penn State University

Mario A. Gonzalez-Corzo, Lehman College, and Armando Nova, Universidad de la Habana, "Desarrollo de la Producción Agropecuaria en Cuba. Plan de Soberanía Alimentaria y Nutricional." (Presentation may be conducted in English by M.G. Corzo.)

William Messina, University of Florida, "Cuba's Agricultural Production and Trade Patterns: Good News or Bad News?"

Juan Tomás Sánchez, "La 'Tarea Ordenamiento' y el cultivo de la tierra"

Joan Martínez Evora, University of Miami, School of Business, "Land and Peasants in Cuba: To Have and to Hold?"

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**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**10:00 am-12:00 noon**

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**5. Book Discussion: *La Cuba que quisimos*. Essays on the New Cuban Constitution**

The book selects and publishes articles that first appeared on the *Cuba Posible* website, as well as never-published material, regarding Cuba's new Constitution.

Moderator and panelist: Claudia González Marrero, Justus-Liebig University (Gießen, Germany) and Universidad Sergio Arboleda

Panelists: Elaine Acosta, visiting researcher, Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University

Jorge I. Domínguez, retired, former Professor of Government, Harvard University

Lenier González Mederos, former Assistant Director, Cuba Posible, and co-editor, Espacio Laical

Roberto Veiga González, former Director, Cuba Posible, and co-editor, Espacio Laical; member, Inter American Dialogue

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**6. Contemporary Crises in Cuba and Venezuela**

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Chair: Beatriz Casals, Board of Directors, Bacardi Family Foundation and Board of Advisors, Georgetown University, School of Government, Democracy and Governance Program

Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan, "Contemporary Crisis in Cuba"

Carlos A. Romero, Universidad Central de Venezuela, "Contemporary Crisis in Venezuela"

José Manuel Puente, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (IESA), Caracas, and Oxford University, London, "Venezuela in the Stage of Macroeconomic Collapse: A Historical and Comparative Analysis."

Domingo Amuchastegui, Former Intelligence Analyst, Historian, and Professor of International Relations, "Venezuela's Elections, the Fragmented Opposition, and the United States"

Discussant: Efraín Velázquez, Presidente, Consejo de Economía Nacional de Venezuela