**January 4-6, 2021 ASCE Virtual Conference**

***“Caught in a Perfect ‘Storm’: Are Havana’s Responses Sufficient?”***

Program as of December 1, 2020

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

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 Sanguinetty, “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”

1. **External Relations**

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”

Rafael Velázquez Pérez, Universidad de Vigo/Universidad de Holguín, “Relaciones entre Cuba y España” (title of paper to be confirmed)

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

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”

1. **Agriculture**

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?”

1. **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. It discusses the lead up to the Constitutional proposal; the normative issues that any constitution should address; the institutional design in the Constitution regarding the executive, legislative, and judicial entities as well as the role for provinces and municipalities; issues such as migration, race, sexual orientation, the economy, work, and rights; the public debate and referendum on the proposal; and the presentation of a draft of an alternative Constitution. There is a sustained critical analysis of the new and continuing themes in Cuba’s Constitution comparatively and in the context of Cuba’s recent history. The book has been published by the Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Colombia; it is available to the public free of charge.

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 of Inter American Dialogue

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

Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan, "Cuba"

Carlos A. Romero, Universidad Central de Venezuela, "Venezuela"

José Manuel Puente, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Caracas, title of presentation pending

Discussant: Efraín Velázquez, Consejo de Economía Nacional de Venezuela