Monday, October 4

8:15-9:00 Registration/Breakfast
Elebash Recital Hall, First Floor

9:00-10:45 Opening Plenary
Changing Perceptions, Emergent Perspectives
Moderator: Mauricio Font, The Bildner Center and The Graduate Center

- 9:05-9:25 - Critical Perspectives on Civil Society in Cuba
  Sujatha Fernandes, Princeton University

- 9:25-9:45 - Religion and Civil Society in Cuba
  Margaret E. Crahan, Hunter College and The Graduate Center

- 9:45-10:05 - Everyday Socialism and Consumer Capitalism during the Special Period
  Katherine Gordy, Cornell University

- 10:05-10:25 - Thinking Cuba Clearly: Policy Implications
  Arturo López-Levy, University of Denver

- 10:25-10:45 – Question and Answer

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
Skylight Conference Room
11:00-12:45 Concurrent Sessions
Panel 1: Transforming the Economy: Agriculture and Energy – Room 9204/9205
Moderator: TBA
- 11:05-11:25 - A Decade of Economic Reform and Change in Cuba’s Agricultural Sector
  William Messina and Frederick Royce, University of Florida
- 11:25-11:45 - Food Security in Cuba since the Special Period
  James E. Ross, University of Florida
- 11:45-12:05 - The Lawmaking Process in Cuba: The Anatomy of the Bill on Agricultural Cooperatives
  Peter Roman, Hostos Community College and The Graduate Center
- 12:05-12:25 - The Future of Cuba’s Energy Sector: Challenges and Opportunities
  A.F. Alhajji and Terry L. Maris, Ohio Northern University
- 12:25-12:45 – Question and Answer

Panel 2: Writers and the Periodo Especial: Echoes, Mirrors, and Waves – Room 9206/9207
Moderator: Araceli Tinajero, City College
- 11:05-11:25 - The Importance of Soviet Traces in the Transition
  Jacqueline Loss, University of Connecticut
- 11:25-11:45 - Writing in the Special Period
  Myrna Garcia-Calderón, Cornell University
- 11:45-12:05 - Hegemony of Form: Change and Continuity in the Cuban Social Discourse
  Alfonso-Garcia Osuna, Kingsborough Community College
- 12:05-12:25 - Literary Production in the Special Period
  Patricia D. Catoira, Montana State University-Bozeman
- 12:25-12:45 – Question and Answer

12:45-1:45 Lunch Break
Dining Commons, Eighth Floor

1:45-3:30 Concurrent Sessions
Panel 3: Transforming the Economy: New Actors and Dilemmas – Room 9206/9207
Moderator: Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers and Columbia University
- 1:50-2:10 - Los problemas del desarrollo y la inserción internacional de Cuba
  Mauricio de Miranda Parrondo, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali, Colombia
- 2:10-2:30 - Evolution or Revolution? Cuba’s Banking and Financial Sector Reforms after the Special Period
  Mario González-Corzo, Lehman College
• 2:30-2:50 - To Live Outside the Law You Must be Honest: Daily Illegality and Its Effects
  Dick Cluster, University of Massachusetts, Boston

• 2:50-3:10 - The Informal Economy of Havana
  Samuel Taylor, Yale University

• 3:10-3:30 – Question and Answer

Panel 4: Gender and Sexuality since the 1990s – Room 9204/9205
Moderator: Arnaldo Cruz-Malave, Fordham University

• 1:50-2:10 - Party and State in Cuba: A Gender Perspective
  Ilja A. Luciak, Virginia Tech

• 2:10-2:30 - Love and Sex Tourism in Havana: An Ethnographic Perspective
  Gisela Fosado, University of Michigan

• 2:30-2:50 - The Women of CUJAE: Breaking the Glass Ceiling in Engineering
  Cindy O’Hara and Gilda Vega Cruz*

• 2:50-3:10 - Continuity and Change in Women’s Short Fiction Production since the ‘Periodo Especial’
  Barbara Riess, Allegheny College

• 3:10-3:30 - Sex in the Narrative of the 1990s
  Eduardo Béjar, Middlebury College

3:30-3:45 Coffee Break
Skylight Conference Room

3:45-5:30 Concurrent Sessions
Panel 5: New Migration, Changing Diaspora – Room 9204/9205
Moderator: Robert Smith, Baruch College

• 3:50-4:10 - On Deconstructing Immigrant Generations: Cohorts and the Cuban Emigré Experience
  Susan Eckstein, Boston University

• 4:10-4:30 - Leaving Cuba: Balseros, Boteros and el Bombo
  Ted Henken, Baruch College

• 4:30-4:50 - God Has No Borders: Transnational Religious Ties Between Cubans in Miami and on the Island
  Katrin Hansing, University of Bayreuth, Germany

• 4:50-5:10 - Occupying Havana: Property, Race and Cuban Diasporic Literature
  Antonio López, Rutgers University

• 5:10-5:30 – Question and Answer

Panel 6: Engaging Perplexity: Films, Media, and the Performing Arts – Room 9206/9207
Moderator: Jerry Carlson, The City College of New York and The Graduate Center

• 3:50-4:10 - Between Sueño and Esperanza in Post-Soviet Cuba: “Suite Habana” and “Un Enano en La Botella”
• 4:10-4:30 - *Chago de Guisa* and the Performance of a Syncretic Identity of Tolerance and Resistance in Cuba’s ‘Special Period’
  *Elizabeth Ruf, Columbia University*

• 4:30-4:50 - The Nueva Trova Cubana: Empty Rhetoric or Critical Voice?
  *Lauren Shaw, The Graduate Center*

• 4:50-5:10 - Cuban *Choteo* Revisited: The Role of Humor in Recent Works of Literature and Film
  *Iaida H. Lopez, Ramapo College of New Jersey*

• 5:10-5:30 – Question and Answer

**Tuesday, October 5**

**8:30-9:00 Registration/Breakfast**
Skylight Conference Room, Ninth Floor

**9:00-10:45 Concurrent Sessions**
**Panel 7: Environment: From Concern to Active Environmentalism – Room 9204/9205**
Moderator: Avecita Chicchón, Wildlife Conservation Society

- 9:05-9:25 - Environmental Planning and Heritage Tourism in Cuba
  *Joseph Scarpaci, Virginia Tech*

- 9:25-9:45 - Cuban Environmental Conservation since the Special Period: Marine Protected Areas as a Window on Changing Social, Ecological and Economic Relationships
  *Alison G. Cliath, Washington State University and Wendy Weisman, Rutgers University*

- 9:45-10:05 - Sustainable Sovereignty: Political Aspects of Australian Environmental Collaboration with Cuba
  *Adrian H. Hearn, La Trobe University (Australia)*

  *Alexander Nixon, Stanford University*

- 10:25-10:45 – Question and Answer

**Panel 8: Resurgent Ethnic Identities – Room 9206/9207**
Moderator: Ruth Behar, University of Michigan

- 9:05-9:25 - ‘Renace el sueño:’ Remaking Havana’s Barrio Chino
  *Kathleen López, University of Michigan*

- 9:25-9:45 - Special Identities in the Special Period: The Case of West Indian Cubans
  *Andrea Queeley, The Graduate Center*

- 9:45-10:05 - Boricuas In The Caribbean
  *Pedro Pedraza, Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños, Hunter College*
10:05-10:25 - Chinese-Cubans in Cuban History: From Near Slavery to the ‘Período Especial’
*Terri R. Dabney, New School University*

10:25-10:45 – Question and Answer

**10:45-11:00 Coffee Break**
Skylight Conference Room

**11:00-12:45 Concurrent Sessions**

**Panel 9: Religion and Society – Room 9204/9205**
Moderator: Margaret Crahan, The Graduate Center and Hunter College

  *Yolanda Prieto, Ramapo College*

- 11:25-11:45 - Reflections of Religion and the Contemporary Cuban Black Public Sphere: Afro Cuban Community in a Contemporary Habanero Ifa House Temple
  *Ariel Fernandez, Rutgers University*

- 11:45-12:05 - Change in Cuban Social Work Education: Government Response to Emerging Societal Problems
  *David Strug, Yeshiva University*

- 12:05-12:25 - Proyecto DIASPORA(S): Raising Questions about the Coupling of Nation and National Art in Post-Soviet Cuba.”
  *Todd Ramón Ochoa, Columbia University*

12:25-12:45 – Question and Answer

**Panel 10: Havana: Renegotiating Space and Identity – Room 9206/9207**
Moderator: Jill Hamberg, Empire State College-SUNY

- 11:05-11:25 - Private Plots, State Power and the Modeling of Havana’s Urban Gardens
  *Adriana Premat, York University, Toronto and NYU*

- 11:25-11:45 - Centro Habana: Ruins and the Fiction Industry
  *Esther Whitfield, Brown University*

- 11:45-12:05 - Negotiating Changing Identities through the Urban Space of Havana
  *Cecilia Lawless, Cornell University*

- 12:05-12:25 - Homosexuals and Public Space in Havana
  *Scott Larson, Hunter College*

12:25-12:45 – Question and Answer

**1:00-2:00 Lunch Break**
Dining Commons, Eighth Floor

**2:00-3:45 Concurrent Sessions**

**Panel 11: Cuba in a Changing World – Room 9204/9205**
Moderator: Sujatha Fernandes, Princeton University

- 2:05-2:25 - Washington’s Cuba Wars: An Update
  *Daniel P. Erikson, Inter-American Dialogue*
• 2:25-2:45 - Gorbachev’s Legacy for Russian/Cuban Relations Post 1991  
  *Mervyn J. Bain, University of Aberdeen (U.K.)*

• 2:45-3:05 - Cuba-Mexico Relations: From Salinas to Fox: Real and Perceived Effects of Changing the Benchmark of Legitimacy  
  *Patricia Olney, Southern Connecticut State University*

• 3:05-3:25 - Continuity and Change in Argentine-Cuban Relations  
  *Kezia McKeague, Wake Forest University*

• 3:25-3:45 – Question and Answer

**Panel 12: Cuba and the Information Age – Room 9206/9207**  
Moderator: Alfonso Quiroz, Baruch College and The Graduate Center

• 2:05-2:25 - Facing the Internet Dilemma. The Political Challenges of the New Information and Communication Technologies  
  *Bert Hoffman, Institute of Iberoamerican Studies (Hamburg, Germany)*

• 2:25-2:45 - History of the Cuban National Library: Shaping Culture and Politics  
  *Carlos Ribo, Barnard College*

• 2:45-3:05 - Foreign Direct Investment in Costa Rica’s High Technology Sectors: A Potential Avenue for Cuba?  
  *Omar E. Perez Villanueva, Centro de Estudios de la Economía*  
  *Paolo Spadoni, University of Florida*

• 3:05-3:45 – Question and Answer

**4:00-5:30 Closing Plenary**  
**Where is Cuba Heading? – Room 9204/9205**  
Moderator: Mauricio Font, The Bildner Center and The Graduate Center

• 4:05-4:25 - The Ruth Room and Other Tales From the New Cuba  
  *Ruth Behar, University of Michigan*

• 4:25-4:45 – TBA  
  *Susan Kaufman Purcell, The Americas Society/Council of the Americas*

• 4:45-5:05 – TBA  
  *Luly Duke, Fundación Amistad*

• 5:05-5:25 - The Cuban Transition and Its Politics  
  *Samuel Farber, The Graduate Center and Brooklyn College*

• 5:25-5:30 - Closing Comments