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**CUBA: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE END OF COMMUNISM IN
EASTERN EUROPE**

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**Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (A2-217, meet at front desk)
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9:00 Coffee, Donuts

9:30 Welcome, Chair: Steven Lee, National Director, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development (CCFPD)

9:40 Panel:

1. *The Evolution of Transition Theory*, Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University
2. *The Current Situation in Cuba*, Prof. Arch Ritter, Carleton University
3. *The Transformation Trends in Eastern Europe*, Prof. Piotr Dutkiewicz, Carleton University
4. *The Cause for Comparison/Implications of the East European Transformations for Cuba*, Prof. Reneo Lukic, Université Laval

10:40 Coffee available

11:00 **Discussion 1:** *Lessons from the East European Transformation: Positive Developments*

Examples of issues *may* include:

- Labour Market (protection of labour, employment services)
- Development of the Service Sector
- Positive Changes in Public Administration
- Emergence of the Banking Sector

12:30 Lunch

1:30 **Discussion 2:** *Challenges from the East European Transformation*

Examples of issues *may* include:

- Privatisation process / Restructuring of Enterprises
- Social Policy
- Political Culture

3:00 Coffee available

3:30 Closing remarks