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After the 1998 election of Hugo Chávez as president of Venezuela, the political and economic relations with Cuba intensified exponentially. These relations were initially based on the ideological affinities and personal sympathies between Chávez and Fidel Castro, which were extended to their successors, Nicolás Maduro and Raúl Castro. Venezuela quickly replaced the former Soviet Union as the main external ally and largest trading partner of the Cuban government.

FIU's Cuban Research Institute has partnered with the Latin American and Caribbean Center to examine the origins, development, current status, and future scenarios of the Cuba-Venezuela alliance. The purpose of this panel discussion is to analyze various facets of this “special relationship,” including its multiple goals, legal and political implications, economic significance, and impact on health care.

### Confirmed Participants

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