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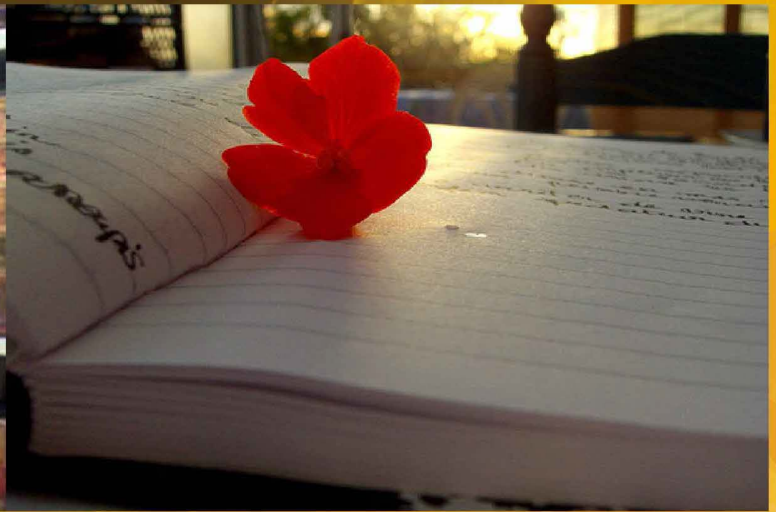
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Civil law in Cuba has suffered the vicissitudes of history. The island passed from a Spanish civil code, in force until 1987, to a Cuban civil code, accompanied by multiple special laws, which built a legal and doctrinal corpus permeated by Spanish law, as well as the laws of former socialist countries, and with its own unique institutions originating in Cuba's political and legal development. Added to this panorama is a family law that was advanced for Latin America in its own time. This lecture will explain the most significant aspects of civil law in Cuba with a concrete objective: inviting all researchers on the topic to a necessary reflection on its past, the "lights and shadows" that accompany it in the present, and the inevitable and necessary future, to find the way to a new Cuban civil law.

María Elena Cobas Cobiella is a Professor of Law at the University of Valencia in Spain. She holds master's and doctoral degrees in private law from the Fundación ADEIT and the University of Valencia. She earned her law degree at the University of Havana, where she taught civil law and directed the Civil and Family Department of the Law School. She was also a graduate professor in the School of Public Health of the Cuban Ministry of Public Health.

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