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El Vedado: History of a Havana Neighborhood

Book Presentation by Concepción Otero
Followed by a Panel Discussion

November 18, 2013 | 1:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | GL220

The Spanish word *vedado* means forbidden in English and *interdit* in French. The word conjures mystery and limited access. Paradoxically, the subdivision of El Vedado, founded in 1859 west of Havana, developed during the first half of the 20th century as the crossroads of urban, architectural, social, and cultural enlightenment in Cuba. *El Vedado: History of a Havana Neighborhood*, contends that the area became not only the center of Havana but of Cuba itself.

Concepción Otero is currently Associate Professor in the Department of Art History at the University of Havana. Dr. Concepción Otero is a member of Cuba's Permanent Committee of the Arts. A recipient of the University of Havana's commemorative seal as "Outstanding Cuban Teacher" on the occasion of the 280th anniversary of the university's founding, Dr. Otero, who holds a Ph.D. in Art, was also awarded the University of Havana Research Prize for her 2004 doctoral dissertation, *El Vedado: Its Heritage Values*.

Dr. Otero's presentation will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Professors Jaime Canavés and Marilyns R. Nepomechie, from the FIU School of Architecture, and Raúl L. Rodríguez, from Rodríguez and Quiroga Architects.

The event will be held in Spanish and English and is free and open to the public. For additional information and to RSVP, please call (305) 348-1991 or write cri@fiu.edu.