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The idea of a “diaspora” has become widespread over the last two decades—both within and outside intellectual circles—to refer to the growing dispersal of Cubans, as well as their changing socioeconomic profile and motivations to leave the island. This bilingual volume, titled *Un pueblo disperso* [*A Dispersed People*], gathers a selection of the papers presented at the Ninth Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, sponsored by the Cuban Research Institute at FIU.

The collection analyzes numerous aspects of Cuban and Cuban-American politics, economics, sociology, literature, music, religion, art, and cinema. The authors come from diverse disciplines of the humanities and the social sciences, particularly literary and art criticism, cultural studies, history, sociology, anthropology, and geography. The texts are published in Spanish and English, according to their authors’ preference, as a reflection of the bilingual character of Cuban-American culture. Many of the contributions included herein document the transition in the Cuban-American community from the historical exile toward a broader diasporic perspective—a transition notable in cultural fields such as narrative, popular music, and the visual arts.

The volume’s editor, Dr. Jorge Duany, is Director of the Cuban Research Institute and Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies at FIU. He has published extensively on migration, ethnicity, race, and transnationalism in Cuba, the Caribbean, and the U.S.

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