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## Human Rights and Civil Resistance in Cuba: A Conversation with Juan Carlos González Leiva

October 21, 2014 | 6:30 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Green Library 220

In this informal presentation, Juan Carlos González Leiva will share his experiences as an activist regarding the situation of human rights in Cuba today under the Raúl Castro regime. He will also present an overview of the current state of civil resistance on the island.

Juan Carlos González Leiva is a blind lawyer and human rights activist born in Ciego de Avila, Cuba. He is the leader of the Cuban Human Rights Rapporteur Council (CHRRC), an organization that monitors and reports human rights violations in Cuba. The CHRRC has sent regular reports to the UN Human Rights Council to review Cuba's human rights record and to the OAS's Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

As a result of his activism, Mr. González Leiva has suffered arbitrary arrests, systematic harassment, and intimidation, including numerous beatings that have caused injuries and broken bones, and death threats. Mr. González Leiva was one of three recipients of the 2003 Human Rights Award from the Fundación Hispano Cubana in Madrid, Spain.

The event will be conducted in Spanish. It is free and open to the public. Space is limited and **RSVP is REQUIRED**. For more information and to RSVP, please call (305) 348-1991 or write [cri@fiu.edu](mailto:cri@fiu.edu).