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Václav Havel Initiative for Human Rights & Diplomacy

School of International and Public Affairs



International Human Rights and Cuba in 2014 Panel Discussion

Saturday, June 28, 2014 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | MARC Pavilion

The seminar will bring together a small group of experts from academia, civil society and diplomacy to discuss the issue of international human rights and Cuba from two perspectives: the "theoretical" perspective of political thinkers and the "practical" perspective adopted by those whose habitat is the realm of political action. The goal of the seminar is twofold:

1. To re-examine the fundamental philosophical ideas behind the contemporary international human rights discourse with regards to the current Cuban political situation;
2. To consider and assess the strategy of the defenders of human rights in Cuba to make their voices better heard internationally; to highlight their fundamental demands in the area of international human rights, beginning with their claim to be finally recognized by the Cuban government as legitimate partners in the process of Cuban transition and not to be treated as "state enemies."

The seminar – in English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation – will be moderated by **Martin Palous**, Director of the Vaclav Havel Initiative. The panelists will include political philosophers **Glenn Hughes** (Saint Mary's College, San Antonio, Texas), **Alexis Jardines** (the Perez Bengochea Distinguished Scholar in Residence at FIU), **Elizardo Sanchez** (President of the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation) and **Hannibal Travis** (Associate Professor of Law, Florida International University). Following the panel presentations there will be a general discussion with the audience.

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