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## The Buena Vista Social Club Phenomenon- A Critical Reflection

A lecture by

**Carsten Möller**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2009 | 12:00 to 2:00 pm**  
FIU University Park, LACC Conference Room, DM 358

Event is free and open to the public. Call 305-348-1991 to RSVP

This event is part of the **CRI Lunchtime Lecture Series**

The CD Buena Vista Social Club and subsequent Oscar® nominated film by Wim Wenders sparked off a worldwide boom in Cuban culture but at the same time reduced the island's complex reality to a set of nostalgic and cliché images. Carsten Möller, filmmaker and lecturer at the Academy of Visual Arts in Leipzig, Germany, will critically reflect on some of the reasons behind the global appeal for the Cuba portrayed in Wender's film, point out some of the singularities and stereotypes produced by the film's images, and discuss why the massive interest did not lead to a closer examination of the island's reality.

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