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Rethinking Cuban History ***Cubanidad in the Context of the Americas***

by

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LACC Conference Room, DM 358

Dr. Eduardo Torres-Cuevas is a distinguished Cuban intellectual whose work has focused on topics of Cuban independence, abolitionism, slavery, popular religion, freemasonry, and the formation of *cubanidad*. He is the Director of the Casa de Altos Estudios Don Fernando Ortíz of the University of Havana, where he has taught for over 30 years. Since 2007 he has been the Director of the José Martí National Library, where he has undertaken important initiatives of outreach and reorganization. He has taught at universities in France and Germany, is a member of national and international professional associations, and he organized the Center for the Historical Study of Freemasonry and Patriotic Societies in Latin America. His extensive publications include works on Félix Varela, José Antonio Saco, Obispo Espada, Antonio Maceo, the history of freemasonry in Cuba, and the history of thought in Cuba. Among his many prizes are the National Literature Prize and the National Prize in Social Sciences of Cuba. His interests include the history of Cuban thought, connections between Cuba and other countries of the Caribbean, forms of Cuban popular religiosity, slavery and abolition, and the history of Cubans in New York and Louisiana.

Presentation will be in Spanish.

Space is limited. For more information and to RSVP call 305-348-1991 or contact Laura Rodríguez at laurodri@fiu.edu