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## *La Habana, mon amour*

Book Presentation by Author Zoé Valdés

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Havana, about to celebrate the quincentennial of its foundation, is a fascinating city. In *La Habana, mon amour*, one of the most famous Cuban writers, Zoé Valdés, chronicles her personal history of Havana. The city described by Valdés is the one of her memories of childhood and youth, her games, readings, favorite writers, and first loves, accompanied by very real ghosts, such as her mother and grandmother, or “the man with the black umbrella,” whom she married at 17 years of age and who first showed her Paris. The story is told from an especially sensitive perspective, that of exile.

Zoé Valdés is an award-winning novelist, poet, and scriptwriter. She was born in Havana, Cuba, where she wrote poetry and fiction and worked as a cultural critic. In 1995 she fled Castro's regime and moved to Paris, where she continues to write. She is the author of 33 novels, many of which have been bestsellers in Europe and have achieved worldwide recognition. Several of her novels have been translated into English and French. Ms. Valdés collaborates with numerous periodicals such as *El País*, *El Mundo*, *Le Monde*, *Libération*, and *Le Nouvel Observateur*.

This lecture, to be conducted in Spanish, is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (305) 348-1991 or write [cri@fiu.edu](mailto:cri@fiu.edu).

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