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The Cuban Committee for Human Rights: History and Legacy

A Panel Discussion

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 | 7:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Green Library 220

In the summer of 1976, a small group of Cubans founded the Cuban Committee for Human Rights (CCPDH by its Spanish acronym), the first independent human rights group in Cuba. Against all odds, this handful of women and men believed that the peaceful demand for fundamental human rights was the best way to confront the state that had crushed Cuban civil society and defeated all attempts at armed resistance. They could not know that 20 years later, the CCPDH would blossom into a nationwide and diverse opposition movement popularly known as “the human rights people,” and would force the Castro regime to change in ways that were inconceivable in 1976.

Three members of the CCPDH will tell the story of how the group was created, and will discuss its legacy for contemporary Cuban history:

- Ariel Hidalgo, former Vice President of the CCPDH and author of *Disidencia: ¿Segunda Revolución Cubana?* (1994), a book about the origins of the dissident movement in Cuba
- Oscar Peña, current President of the CCPDH and leader of the “Call for a National Dialogue” made public by the CCPDH in 1990
- Enrique Patterson, member of the CCPDH since 1990, author of numerous publications and lectures

This event, to be conducted in Spanish, is free and open to the public. To confirm your attendance, please call (305) 348-1991 or write cri@fiu.edu.