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State socialism refers to government ownership of the means of production either as a temporary measure in the transition from capitalism to socialism, or as characteristic of socialism itself. Academic and public debates in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Cuba, and other socialist countries have focused, among other topics, on the role of central planning in the economy, democratic participation, and property rights under state socialism. This lecture will analyze socialism as a state construction in Cuba, fundamentally based on the wage exploitation of state property, and will identify the economic, political, and social factors that lead to its failure.

Pedro Campos Santos holds a B.A. in History from the University of Havana. A former member of Cuba's diplomatic corps, he held posts in Mexico and Switzerland. He was also a researcher at the Center for Studies on the United States at the University of Havana. In 1993, he was separated from Cuba's Foreign Service because of his political opinions about the need for changes on the Island. In 2006, he began to publish in various digital media, such as *Kaosonline*, *Mymedia*, *Diario de Cuba*, and *Havana Times*.

Dr. Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva is a prominent Cuban economist. He is the author or coauthor of 15 books and 80 articles published in Cuba and other countries.

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