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In July 2018, the Cuban government released its draft of a new Cuban Constitution. Between August and November, the government called for a public debate about the proposed amendments. In December 2018, the National Assembly of People's Power reviewed the comments and suggestions by the island's population and its citizens living abroad. As a result, the government revised some of its earlier proposals. The final version of the constitutional text will be submitted for approval by a nationwide referendum, scheduled for February 24, 2019.

Several distinguished scholars and lawyers will assess Cuba's new magna carta and determine how it affects Cuba's power structure and its relation to ordinary citizens. The following experts have been invited to participate in the panel:

- **Dr. Elaine Acosta González**, Visiting Scholar, Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University
- **Laritzta Diversent**, Cuban lawyer and human rights activist, Memphis, Tennessee
- **Prof. Juan Carlos Gómez**, Director, Carlos A. Costa Immigration and Human Rights Clinic, FIU College of Law
- **Dr. Julio César Guanche**, Ph.D. in History, Latin American Faculty in Social Sciences (FLACSO), Quito, Ecuador
- **Dr. Rafael Rojas**, Professor and Researcher, Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE), Mexico City

**This event, to be conducted primarily in Spanish, is free and open to the public.**

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