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Lecture by Ana Mary Rusch

Monday, April 1, 2019 | 12:30 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Green Library (GL) 220

In this lecture, Dr. Ana Mary Rusch will discuss her ethnographic study of Cuban immigration in Berlin. Her study explores the dynamics of integration, the complexity of identity, and the heterogeneity of the Cuban diaspora. Cuban immigrants in Germany have a different sociopolitical relationship with Germany than its main group of migrant background, Turkish immigrants. Cubans in Germany also exhibit different sociopolitical and economic circumstances than Cubans in the United States. Because of these varying situations, Cuban immigrants produce a different narrative of integration in Germany that adds to the discussion on the plasticity of the Cuban diaspora worldwide.

Dr. Rusch will also share her experiences within the field in Berlin, address how her identity as a Cuban-German interacted with her research, and discuss how she navigated insider bias through an outsider perspective.

Dr. Ana Mary Rusch is an adjunct professor in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies at Florida International University. She received her Ph.D. and M.A. in Global and Sociocultural Studies and has a B.A. in International Relations with second majors in Political Science and Geography, all from FIU.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

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