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From Exile to Literature
Dr. Monika Zgustova
Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00pm
Modesto Maidique Campus - Graham Center (GC) 243
Welcoming remarks: Dr. Evelyn Gaiser, Executive Director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society
Introduction: Mr. Jonathan Plutzik, Chairman, The Betsy-South Beach

Dr. Monika Zgustova, the 6th Betsy-FIU Exile Studies Scholar/Writer-in-Residence, is a highly acclaimed author and translator. Born in Prague and educated in the United States—she is a graduate of the Ph.D. Program in Comparative Literature at the University of Illinois—Dr. Zgustova is a permanent resident in Barcelona. She has published eight books, including novels, a collection of short stories, a play, and a well-received biography of the noted Czech writer Bohumil Hrabal. A number of her novels, _The Silent Woman_ and _Goya’s Glass_ among them, were translated into English and published by The Feminist Press of CUNY. Her writings have garnered her much praise and several awards, among them _The Guitat de Barcelona_ and _Mercé Rodoreda_ awards, both from Spain, and the _Gratias Agit Prize_ from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Prague. She has translated into Spanish and Catalan more than fifty books of Czech and Russian fiction and poetry by such writers as Havel, Kundera, Hasek, Achmatova, Dostoyevsky, Tzvetayeva, Babel, Hrabal, and Seifert. The high quality of her translations was acknowledged by the _Serra d’Or Prize_, the _Barcelona City Award_, and the _Catalan Letters Award_, to name but a few. A frequent contributor to _El País_, _La Vanguardia_, _Avui_, and _The Nation_, Dr. Zgustova is a highly sought after speaker. She lectured at many American Universities, including Yale, Michigan, and Ohio State, as well as in different universities and cultural centers of Paris, Montreal, Moscow, Vienna, Budapest, Frankfurt and Prague. Dr. Zgustova’s most recent novel _La Rosas de Stalin_ (2016) is based on the life of Svetlana Aliluyeva, Stalin’s exiled daughter.