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Changing Cuban Economy

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9 AM - 1 PM

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Mauricio Font (Ph.D., University of Michigan) is director of the Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies and professor of sociology at The Graduate Center and Queens College, CUNY. His most recent publication is *The State and the Private Sector in Latin America* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015). Font is co-editor of *Handbook on Cuban History, literature, and the Arts* (Paradigm Press, 2014), *Cuban Counterpoints: The Legacy of Fernando Ortiz* (Lexington Books, 2005), *La República Cubana y José Martí (1902-2002)* (Lexington Books, 2005), *Toward a New Cuba?* (Lynne Rienner, 1997) and *Integración económica y democratización: América Latina y Cuba* (Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, Universidad de Chile, 1998).

The one-day colloquium organized by the Bildner Center explores the extent and character of Cuba's reform process since 2011. On May 31 specialists will focus on the external context, responses to US policy change, the state and non-state sectors, agriculture, local development, and other. The discussions will emphasize current trends, options, and prospects.

SCHEDULE

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM

Opening: Welcoming Remarks, Mauricio Font

9:10 AM – 11:00 AM

Panel 1: **Overview of Economic Changes**

- ***“La inversión extranjera en el futuro económico de Cuba”*** Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, *Revista Temas*
- ***“Prospects for Cuban Agriculture After the 7th Party Congress”*** Mario González-Corzo, *Lehman College, CUNY*
- ***“Los problemas de la reforma monetaria y cambiara de Cuba a la luz de su reinserción económica internacional”*** Mauricio de Miranda, *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali, Colombia*
Moderator: TBA

11:00 – 11:10 AM Coffee Break

11:10 AM – 1:00 PM

Panel 2: **Reforms and Subnational Dynamics**

- ***“An Approximation to Subnational Development: Measurement and Policy Issues”***
Mauricio Font, *Queens College and The Graduate Center, CUNY*
- ***“Retos y oportunidades para los territorios cubanos en el contexto de la Actualización: la entrada del destino Cuba en el mercado virtual Airbnb para el anuncio de alojamientos privados”*** Patricia Ramos, *Universidad de la Habana*
- ***“Cinco años de transformaciones en el funcionamiento de la economía cubana, viejos y nuevos retos”*** Oscar Fernández, *Universidad de la Habana*
Moderator: TBA

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