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**NEWSLETTER, MAY 27, 2009**

Dear colleagues:

I would like to pass on an invitation from The Graduate Institute Alumni Chapter Washington, DC to attend a panel discussion with Dr. Ernesto Hernández-Catá on the **Cuban Economy after Half a Century of “Fidelismo”: Time for Change**. This event will take place on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the National Press Club. Please RSVP by June 1, 2009 (see details on page 2).

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The presentation of the study **“The Future of Cuba: Opportunities and Emerging Challenges for Puerto Rico”** was a very successful event that took place on May 21, 2009 in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. The issues discussed were:

Tendencies and perspectives in U.S. policies toward Cuba; and  
Projection of Puerto Rico before the possible opening of the Cuban market.

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The Carlos Diaz Alejandro Lecture took place on May 12, 2009. Dr. Carmelo Mesa Lago, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh made a presentation on **The Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on Social Security and other Social Spending in Latin America**. The conference was sponsored by The Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE) and The Inter-American Development Bank. (the power point presentation is attached).

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You will be receiving very soon the program for the XIX Annual Conference of ASCE to be held in Miami, Florida on July 30 – August 1, 2009 at the Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel.

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## The Graduate Institute Alumni Chapter Washington, D.C.

Cordially invites you to attend a talk and networking event \*\*

### **The Cuban Economy After Half a Century of “Fidelismo”: Time for Change A panel discussion with Dr. Ernesto Hernández-Catá**

*Discussant: H.E. Mr. Urs Ziswiler, Ambassador of Switzerland*

*Discussant: Marco Vicenzino, Director of the Global Strategy Project*

**Wednesday, June 3, 2009, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

at the **National Press Club**

529 14th Street, NW, First Amendment room, Washington, DC 20045

*(The building is physically located on 14th St between F and G – near Metro Center and Federal Triangle)*

Refreshments will be served.



Ernesto Hernández-Catá was born in Marianao, Havana, Cuba in 1942. He holds a License from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland; and a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University. For about 30 years through, Ernesto Hernández-Catá worked for the International Monetary Fund where he held a number of senior positions, including: Deputy Director of Research in charge of the World Economic Outlook; Deputy Director of the European II Department in charge of negotiations with Russia; and Deputy Director of the Western Hemisphere Department. When he retired from the I.M.F. in July 2003 he was Associate Director of the African Department and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Staff Retirement Plan. Previously he had served in the Division of International Finance of the Federal Reserve Board. From 2002 to 2007 Mr. Hernández-Catá taught economic development and growth at the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of the University of Johns Hopkins. Previously he had taught macroeconomics and monetary policy at The American University.

Marco Vicenzino is the founder and director of the Global Strategy Project, <http://globalstrategyproject.org/>

**Please R.S.V.P. by June 1, 2009, to [heidchapter@yahoo.com](mailto:heidchapter@yahoo.com) or at 202-623-8673 (Paul Mathieu)**

\*\* The event is free. A contribution jar will be available for members to help defray the cost of refreshments.

# Cuba: ¿Reto u Oportunidad para Puerto Rico?

## TEMAS:

### •Presentación del Estudio:

*“El Futuro de Cuba:  
Oportunidades y Retos  
Emergentes para Puerto Rico”*

### • Tendencias y perspectivas en la política de Estados Unidos hacia Cuba

### • Proyección de Puerto Rico ante la posible apertura del mercado cubano

## Oradores Invitados:

➤ Lcdo. José R. Pérez Riera,  
Secretario Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Comercio de Puerto Rico (por confirmar)

➤ Prof. Gerardo González,  
Catedrático Asociado,  
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

➤ Dr. Félix Cué, Catedrático,  
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

➤ Sr. Roberto Orro, Consultor Económico

➤ Lcdo. Carlos A. García Pérez,  
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## Para Registro:

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Email:

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Costo: \$70

(incluye desayuno y certificado)

\*Estudio disponible para la venta durante la actividad.

Jueves, 21 de mayo de 2009

8:00am- 12:30pm

Restaurant El Zipperle, Hato Rey



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