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## Civil Society in Cuba: A Conversation with Guillermo Fariñas

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FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus, College of Business, Special Events Center, Room 232

Guillermo Fariñas is a Cuban dissident, independent journalist, psychologist, and former political prisoner. He is the founder of Cubanacán Press, an independent press agency, and a member of the opposition organization Unión Patriótica Cubana (Cuban Patriotic Union). Fariñas has participated in 23 hunger strikes in protest against repression and censorship in Cuba and in favor of the liberation of political prisoners. In 2010, Fariñas won the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought awarded by the European Parliament, but the Cuban government did not allow him to attend the award ceremony. His last hunger strike ended in July 2011 when the Cuban government accepted liberating many political prisoners.

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The event will be held in Spanish and is free and open to the public. Space is limited. RSVP is required.

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