Contemporary Political Economy of Cuba
A Conversation with Dr. Jourdy James

Thursday June 6th
5pm - 6pm
Bunche Conference Room 6275

Join us for a discussion about present-day Cuban political economy. Dr. James will speak to the nation’s historical achievements in guaranteeing free universal healthcare and education among other social reforms, the latest constitutional changes voted in by the Cuban people this February, as well as the US economic blockade’s impacts on Cuban society. The illegal US blockade against the island nation has cost Cuban society over $USD 134 billion in 60 years.

Dr. James will participate via online videoconference. Consecutive interpretation from Spanish to English and food will be provided.

Jourdy Victoria James Heredia received a PhD in Economic Sciences from the University of Havana and a PhD in Economic Sciences from the University of Santiago de Compostela in Spain. She is a deputy director and lead researcher of the Global Economy Research Center in Havana and Associate Professor at the University of Havana. She is also a member of the editorial group of Cuba’s World Economic Issues Journal and of the Foreign Policy Experts group organized by Cuba’s Higher Institute for Foreign Relations. She has won the Annual Prize of the Cuban Academy of Sciences on two occasions (1999 and 2000) and the EU-LAC Foundation Prize in 2015. She has over 30 years of experience researching issues regarding European integration. Furthermore, she is the author of numerous articles in national and international journals and two books: The Euro Zone Crisis: Economic Foundations and Lessons for Latin America and Food Security in the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean: The Cases of Cuba and Spain. She has lectured in universities throughout the world, including in Spain, Jamaica, Canada, Germany, China and Kenya.

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