

**Freedom Matters**  
**The threat to democracy and free markets in the Western Hemisphere: implications for the United States and beyond**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**  
**9:00 – 5:00 PM**

The Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom  
Management and Advanced Research Center Pavilion  
Florida International University  
11200 SW 8th St, Miami, FL 33199

**I. OPENING REMARKS**

9:00 – 9:15 AM

- CARLOS DÍAZ-ROSILLO – Founding Director, The Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom
- FRANK ZIMMERMAN – Director, Liberty Plus Foundation
- NESTOR CARBONELL – Author of *Why Cuba Matters*, Former Vice President of International Public Affairs of PepsiCo.

**II. THE ORIGINS, EVOLUTION, AND EXPANSION OF THE AUTHORITARIAN MODEL: THE CUBAN INFLUENCE**

9:15 – 10:45 AM

- JUAN CLAUDIO LECHIN – Author and playwright
- MARIA WERLAU – Author, Director of Cuba Archive
- ENRIQUE GARCIA – Former officer of Cuba's Directorate of Intelligence
- LEOPOLDO LOPEZ – Political leader and human rights activist (by video)

**Coffee break**

10:45 – 11:00 AM

**III. THE FINANCIAL-CRIMINAL FRAMEWORK OF CURRENT SOCIALIST REGIMES**

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

- GALO DEL POZO – International financial consultant
- HUGO ACHA – Political analyst
- ANDY RIVAS – International political consultant

**Lunch**

12:30 – 1:30 PM

**IV. CONVERSATION WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS: HOW TO DEFEND FREEDOM AND THE RULE OF LAW**

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Moderated by CARLOS DIAZ-ROSILLO

- H.E. EDUARDO FREI – Former President of Chile
- H.E. ALVARO URIBE – Former President of Colombia

**V. THE U.S. AND THREATS TO HEMISPHERIC SECURITY**

2:30 – 3:15 PM

- CARLOS DIAZ-ROSILLO – Former Director of Policy, The White House
- OTTO REICH – U.S. Ambassador (ret.), former Assistant Secretary of State

**VI. XXI CENTURY SOCIALISM: CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGERS**

3:15 – 4:45 PM

Moderated by MARCELL FELIPE, Director of Inspire America Foundation

- MARIA CORINA MACHADO – Political leader and human rights activist (by video)
- Venezuela – ASDRUBAL AGUIAR, Jurist and author
- Nicaragua – ROGER REYES, Lawyer and human rights activist
- Bolivia – MARIO BRUNO, Businessman and political analyst
- Peru – BERIT KNUDSEN, Political analyst and journalist

**Coffee Break** (15 min.)

- Chile – GUSTAVO COVACEVICH, Businessman and political analyst
- Mexico – GABRIEL BAUDUCCO, Journalist
- Brazil – HUGO ACHA, Political analyst
- Argentina – JOSE GODOY, Director, Fundación Federalismo y Libertad

**VII. CLOSING REMARKS**

4:45 – 5:00 PM

- CARLOS DÍAZ-ROSILLO – Founding Director, The Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom
- FRANK ZIMMERMAN – Director, Liberty Plus Foundation

\* Simultaneous English-Spanish interpretation will be provided.