

12-15-2015

Cuba: From Economic Take-Off to Collapse under Castro

Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/cri_events

 Part of the [Latin American Studies Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, "Cuba: From Economic Take-Off to Collapse under Castro" (2015). *Cuban Research Institute Events*. Book 230.
http://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/cri_events/230

This work is brought to you for free and open access by the Cuban Research Institute at FIU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Cuban Research Institute Events by an authorized administrator of FIU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact dcc@fiu.edu.

Green School at Books & Books

Cuban Research Institute

Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs



Cuba: From Economic Take-Off to Collapse under Castro

Book Presentation by Coauthors Jorge Salazar-Carrillo and Andro Nodarse-León

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 | 8:00 PM | Books & Books | 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables, FL 33134

This book is a study of Cuba's economic development under communism over the last fifty-five years. The authors find that Cuba's socioeconomic development has gone backward since the Cuban Revolution in 1959. The authors conclude that Fidel Castro's revolution has been an economic disaster for Cuba. The book first outlines Cuba's economic position prior to the revolution. It reviews Cuba's rankings with respect to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita in the 1950s and examines the strength of pre-Castro Cuba's foreign reserves and the health of its monetary system. It also presents pre-Castro Cuba's investments in health care and education and documents the island's development potential in the 1950s. The last few chapters describe the precipitous decline in all of these areas of Cuba's economy under Castro. Despite the socioeconomic catastrophe of the Castro years, the authors envision a post-Castro Cuba, where this book can provide a benchmark to measure the developmental success that the Cuban work-ethic and entrepreneurial spirit can generate in a free-market system.

Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo is professor of economics at Florida International University and a Brookings Institution fellow. He has published 83 books and hundreds of articles and essays. Andro Nodarse-León is a managing partner at León, Mayer & Co. LLC, a private equity and investment banking firm that he co-founded in 2005.

Sponsored by the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center at FIU.

This event is free and open to the public. To confirm your attendance and for more information, please call (305) 348-1991 or write cri@fiu.edu.



Steven J. Green
School of International
& Public Affairs

Books & Books

Creating a Just, Peaceful and
Prosperous World