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Casa de las Américas, the Union of Journalists of Cuba, the Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba, the National Association of Economists and Accountants of Cuba, the Network in Defense of Humanity, the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Center and Resumen Latinoamericano are pleased to invite you to the Panel Discussion “CUBA IN THE PRESENT HOUR”, a day of reflection and dialogue on the challenges faced by the Cuban Revolution in the present circumstances. The title is an explicit quote from the unforgettable Cintio Vitier on the eve of the centenary of his birth: “Martí in Cuba’s present hour” is the title of that memorable essay that he published in 1994, at another very difficult time for our homeland.

The following topics will be addressed: the strengthening of the blockade, COVID-19 pandemic management, economic measures taken, the deployment of subversive plans, the protests of July 11th and 12th, the campaigns against Cuba in the media and social networks, the role of Cuban civil society, culture and communication, community work in vulnerable neighborhoods and social inclusion policies.

The discussion will feature Cuban speakers and speakers from other countries from Latin America, the Caribbean and the world. It will take place on August 17th, 24th and 31st, between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm (Cuba, UTC/GMT - 5). It will be held virtually through the Jitsi Meet platform and simultaneous interpretation in English

will be provided.

After the intervention of each panelist, there will be an open conversation with the online public.

Anyone who wishes to follow the conversation can do so through the YouTube channels and Facebook pages of the institutions and organizations hosting the event as well as through other pages and channels from solidary friends of Cuba. The YouTube channel “Cuba in the present hour” has been created as a repository for the contributions made to the discussion.

The first session (August 17th), entitled “Trending Topic #Cuba: what happened?”, will be dedicated to explaining the events that occurred during the so-called “riots”, their background, causes and instigators of the politico-communicational operation against the Cuban Revolution.

Panelists:

- Rosa Miriam Elizalde (Cuba), 1st Vice President of the Union of Journalists of Cuba
- Pedro Santander Molina (Chile), professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso
- José Ernesto Novárez (Cuba), coordinator of the Cuban Chapter of the Network in Defense of Humanity
- Helen Yaffe (UK), Professor at the University of Glasgow
- Txema Sánchez (Spain), communicator of TECs “Tertulias en Cuarentena” and member of the Network in Defense of Humanity.

Moderator:

- Jaime Gómez Triana (Cuba), Vice President of the Casa de las Américas



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