Cuba Seminar

The History and Context of US Policy Toward Cuba

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John Coatsworth will address two issues that have shaped the history of the Cuban-US relationship. The first is the problem of democracy and dependence. To what extent is it possible for the small states of the Caribbean basin to develop and sustain political systems that are procedurally democratic and at the same time representative of citizens’ preferences? The second is the issue of reverse dependence. To what extent have governments in the Caribbean managed to externalize their interests by influencing politics and political outcomes in the United States? Coatsworth will discuss the implications that these issues have for the future of US-Cuban relations.

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