Please join us for a lecture by Dr. Paolo Spadoni, assistant professor of political science at Georgia Regents University. Spadoni will present his newest book *Cuba’s Socialist Economy Today: Navigating Challenges and Change* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2014).

What does Cuba’s socialist economy look like today, after a half-century of fluctuating strategies? Are the reforms instituted by Raúl Castro improving living conditions and boosting production and efficiency? What challenges does the government face in crafting policies to address the country’s most critical problems? Paolo Spadoni offers deeply informed answers to these questions as he traces the evolution of Cuba’s economy, explores the current state of affairs in key sectors, and assesses the likelihood that government efforts to cure Cuba’s economic woes will be successful.

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