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LAUNCH EVENT

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All the events will take place at 7pm in The Henry Thomas Room, Tower Building, London Metropolitan University, Holloway Road, London N7 8DB (Entrance is in the main Tower Building almost opposite Holloway Road tube station) Admission FREE. Please RSVP admin@cubastudies.org if you wish to attend. If the event is oversubscribed we will inform you.

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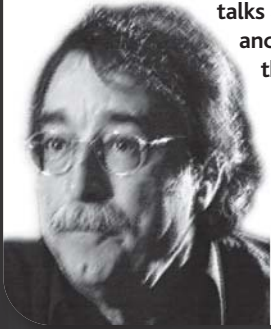


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As the Cuban leader approaches the end of his life, the man who made the latest and most comprehensive interview with Castro talks about his impression of the Cuban president and how he will be remembered both inside the island and out.



Ignacio Ramonet has been editor-in-chief of *Le Monde Diplomatique* since 1991. In addition, he is one of the founders of the NGO Media Watch Global, and is currently its president. Ignacio frequently contributes to the Spanish Daily newspaper *El Pais* and participates in an advisory council to

Telesur, the new alternative TV channel for Latin America.

An editorial by Ignacio published in December 1997 resulted in the launching of ATTAC: The Association pour la taxation des transactions pour l'aide aux citoyens (Association for the Taxation of Financial Transactions for the Aid of Citizens) which is an activist organization that lobbies for the establishment of the TOBIN tax on foreign exchange transactions.

Ignacio studied engineering at Rabat, and semiotics with Roland Barthes at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris.

He has published 16 books including *Silent Propaganda*, *Wars of the 21st Century* and *The Geopolitics of Chaos*. His latest book, *My Life* to be published in the UK on 1 November by Allen Lane, is the edited transcript of a series of long interviews with the Cuban leader. Published in Spain under the title *Biografía a dos voces* (Biography in Two Voices), and in Cuba under the title *Cien horas con Fidel* (100 Hours with Fidel) it has already become a huge best seller.

This seminar will be in Spanish with English interpretation.

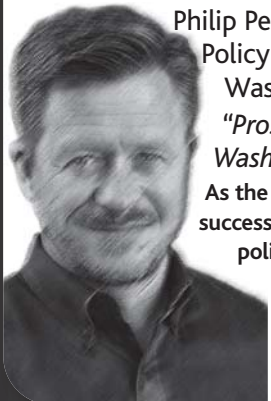
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Philip Peters, Vice President and Chief Cuba Policy Analyst at the Lexington Institute, Washington DC.

"Prospects for change in Havana and Washington"

As the Fidel Castro era closes in Cuba, is a successor government likely to change longstanding policies on the socialist island? Is Washington likely to change its nearly five decades old policy of attempting to isolate Cuba through its economic embargo, travel prohibitions, and diplomatic standoff?



A leading Washington analyst gives his insight.

Philip Peters has traveled throughout Cuba to monitor the market-based changes in Cuba's economy. He has published studies on small business, foreign investment, information technology, historic preservation, state enterprise reform, and other topics. He is also an analyst of US policy toward Cuba whose articles have been published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Barron's*, *The Miami Herald*, *National Geographic Traveler*, and specialized publications. He regularly provides interviews and commentary on CNN, NBC, Fox News Channel, Univision, and numerous radio programmes.

Philip is an advisor to the Cuba Working Group that formed in January 2002 in the House of Representatives and has testified before Congress and the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Prior to joining the Lexington Institute, Philip served as a State Department appointee of Presidents Reagan and Bush (six years), and as a senior aide in the House of Representatives.

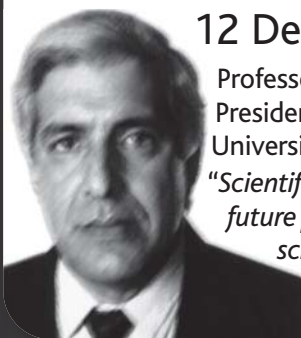
The Scientific Revolution

12 December 2007, 7pm

Professor Luis Alberto Montero-Cabrera. Presidente del Consejo Científico, Universidad de La Habana.

"Scientific research in Cuba highlights and future prospects: A view by a Cuban scientist"

Professor Luis Montero is an award-winning and internationally



renowned physical chemist whose research into the quantum molecular processes in the retina has broken new ground in the understanding of the chemistry and physics of vision. He has published 125 articles and held visiting professorships at universities throughout the world. Most recently he taught at the Dep. de Química Física Aplicada, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain; the Institut für Organische Chemie in Bremen, Bremen, Germany, and the Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering (ISIC), EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.

As Chairman of the Scientific Council of the University of Havana he is uniquely placed to be able to explain the achievements of Cuban scientific research and its prospect for future development.

Future dates There will be three more seminars in the New Year on the 9 January; 6 February and 12 March. Details will be released in due course. Please contact us if you would like to receive this and other information of IISC activities.

About the IISC The International Institute for the Study of Cuba at London Metropolitan University was established in May 2007 with the object of providing an in-depth and focused appraisal of the Cuban 'Social Experience' as it approaches and undergoes another period of major change. It plans to establish a fully operational research and teaching institute within three years. More details are available on the website: www.cubastudies.org IISC, Rm AB2-22, Tower Building, London Metropolitan University, Holloway Road, London, N7 8DB. Tel: 020 7133 2405 admin@cubastudies.org