

SARASOTA WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

2026-2027 Lecture Series

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¿Qué pasa con Cuba?

What's Happening with Cuba, and What Role is the U.S. Playing There?

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6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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The Sarasota World Affairs Council, based at New College of Florida, is a member of the largest non-profit, non-partisan grassroots organization in the United States dedicated to educating and engaging Americans on global issues.

The 67-year-old Cuban Revolution turned communist dictatorship looks to be on its last legs. How has it survived all these years and what elements are causing it to collapse? What internal and external factors have brought us to this point and what are the most likely and desirable outcomes, given the longstanding relationship between Cuba and the United States, the "closest of enemies"?

Dr. Ted A. Henken holds a joint appointment at Baruch College in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Black and Latino Studies. He is a past president of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy. A winner of Baruch's Presidential Excellence Award in Distinguished Teaching, Dr. Henken specializes in courses on Cuban culture and society and contemporary Latin America. In 2018, he held the Alfonso Reyes Chair in Latin American Studies at the Institut des Hautes Études de l'Amérique Latine at the Sorbonne.

Dr. Henken's research focuses on the social implications and rise of the private sector during the past 30 years. He has closely followed the impact of increased internet access in Cuba. He has published several book and academic articles as well as interviews with Cuban independent journalists. His most recent book is *Saturn's Children: The 60-Year Struggle to Reestablish a Free Press in Cuba* (University of Florida Press: forthcoming).

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