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April 28
Ayres Hotel and Suites,
Costa Mesa, California

1:30 - 2:00
Informal Gathering at Hotel Lobby

2:00 - 2:10
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Hastings Room

2:10 - 2:15
Panel 1
(Re)Imagining the Nation Beyond Its Boundaries

“Let Us Be Moors!: (Post) Orientalism in Jorge "Papito" Serguera’s Memories of a Cuban Ambassador in Algeria, Delia Fiallo’s Under An Algerian Sky, and Severo Sarduy’s From Cuba with a Song”
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3:25 - 3:35
Break

12:55 - 1:55
Graduate Student Discussion Group

2:05 - 3:20
Panel 5
Intellectuals and the Revolution

“The Case for Cuba: Sartre Visits the Revolution”
Alexander Zevin
History, UC Los Angeles

“Reinaldo Arenas and the Prison Plantation”
Virginia Benítez
Literature, UC Santa Cruz

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3:30 - 4:45
Panel 6
Negotiating Race and Gender within National Discourses

“Caught Between Diasporas: Rafael Serra’s Entanglements with Discourses of Race and Nation in Cuba and the US (1880-1907)”
José I. Fusté
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“El discurso nacional en Dolientes de Ofelia Rodríguez Acosta”
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April 29
University of California, Irvine
Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway 1517

7:00 - 8:15
Breakfast @ Hotel

9:00 - 10:15
Panel 3
Development and Modernity across Time and Space

“Imposing Capitalism: Cuba and Taiwan in the Early 1900s”
M. Antonio Guzmán
Sociology, UC Los Angeles

“Comparative Aesthetics of Cityscape: Havana and Trinidad”
Maki Tanaka
Anthropology, UC Berkeley

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Beth Rosenblum
Art History, UC Los Angeles

10:25 - 11:40
Panel 4
Crises of Labor and Racial Belonging

“Labor is a Cold Mistress: The Post-Soviet Moment in Two Cuban Novels”
Jonathan Defman
Spanish and Portuguese, UC Davis

“Foreign-ness as Racial Privilege in Post-Soviet Era Cuba”
Angela Ju
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4:45 - 5:00
Closing Remarks