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Seminar Invitation

Contemporary Challenges for non-capitalist Development in Cuba

Tuesday, 1st March 2011

12h30 – 14h00

IERI, 159 Skinner Street, Pretoria CBD, 0001.

Speaker Biographies

Ricardo Torres Pérez was born in Cuba in 1981. Ricardo completed a Bachelor's and Master's Degree at the University of Havana. He is currently a Professor in Economics at Centro de Estudios de la Economía Cubana within the University of Havana. Ricardo has participated in seminars and workshops in Sweden, Japan and China and is currently working on his PhD. His main research interests are the economics of structural change, knowledge economy and energy economics. He has published two books and various papers.

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