

## Second Season



The second season of our program of interviews and analysis, “Utopística”, has begun. A new edition of the program will be available on YouTube each Thursday. The calendar for the month of September includes the following topics and invited guests:

### Thursday, September 4:

“*The Present and Future of the Elderly in Puerto Rico*” with Dr. Astrid Santiago

### Thursday, September 11:

“*Forensic Journalism as a Tool for Criminal Investigations*” with Carolina Restrepo

### Thursday, September 18:

“*The Birth of a Modern Ecological Consciousness in Puerto Rico*” with Drs. Jorge Colón, Félix Córdova y José Córdova

### Thursday, September 25:

“*Historical Research Projects in the East Central Region*” with Dr. Félix Huertas.

All of these programs, along with the editions of our first season are available for viewing on our [YouTube](#) channel as well as our page in [Facebook](#). Very soon all our programs will be available through **podcasts** on the new web page which will also make its debut in the near future.



## En defensa de la inutilidad: Protesta y protagonismo en Puerto Rico

Conferencia a cargo de:

**Dr. Guillermo Rebollo Gil**

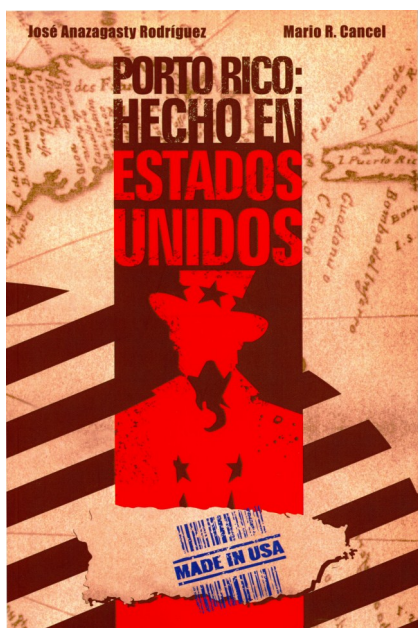
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**Moderador:** Dr. Manuel S. Almeida, Catedrático Asociado y Profesor Investigador de la Escuela de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas de la Universidad del Este y Director de *Ámbito de Encuentros*.

**jueves, 18 de septiembre de 2014, 11:30 a.m.**

*Demo-Kitchen, ISHCA, Universidad del Este, Carolina*

Auspician: Colección Jesús T. Piñero, Instituto de Investigación Transdisciplinaria, la Escuela de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas, y la revista *Ámbito de Encuentros*.



# In the Eyes of the “Other”

*Porto Rico: Hecho en Estados Unidos.* José Anazagasty Rodríguez and Mario R. Cancel. Editora Educación Emergente.

In this text, professors José Anazagasty and Mario Cancel have gathered a series of essays that analyze many of the most important books that reflect the first interpretations of Puerto Rican society made by Americans after the invasion of 1898. The essays were produced in a seminar titled “The Americans and Their Imagined Texts” and is a continuation of a previous text, *We the People: The American Representation of Puerto Ricans*. The texts under study were first published during the beginning of the twentieth century and are now part of a collection “We the People: Puerto Rican Series”, a joint project of the Puerto

Rico Foundation for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Office of the Official Historian of Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Academy of History.

The essays are grouped in three sections. The first includes two essays which examine United States historiography at the beginning of the twentieth century. They interpret history as a creative project of both memory and interpretation.

The second section is dedicated to the analysis of several texts that were used at one time or another as textbooks for courses in the history of Puerto Rico, for example, *The History of Puerto Rico* by Middledyck as well the classic works of Salvador Brau and Paul Miller. The second essay of this section offers a very interesting study of the points of convergence between Brau and Miller as well as their importance for succeeding generations of writers and political leaders (the generation of 1930 and the political projects of the 1950s).

The third part of the text deals with “manichean devices” and examines, through the theories of Janmohammed (the manichean allegory) the elements and interpretations utilized in two texts of the era (*Down in Puerto Rico* by Fowles and *Political Development of Port Rico* by Wilson) to construct a vision of the Puerto Ricans that would justify not only the proselytism and Americanization efforts of Protestant churches but also the role of “tutor” assumed by American colonial authorities.

The essays gathered in this text not only offer paths for understanding the visions of the Island that were developed by representatives of the new empire but also suggests ideas for a critical reflection on the work of historians in Puerto Rico in the 21st century.

As Professor Cancel suggests in the “Postlog” of this work: “The eye of the Other has infinite plasticity.” He insists on the need to continue to examine not only the vision of the *Other* as developed by Americans but to look closely at the image of “the American” that Puerto Ricans have created as well as the constructs that Puerto Ricans have created of each other, going beyond the classical categories of assimilationist, autonomist and *independentistas* by accepting the complexities and contradictions of an historical process of over a hundred years.



# Piñero House Museum

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Saturdays, September 13 & 27

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## Caribbean Conferences 15

The Institute of Caribbean Studies of the University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras, extends an invitation to the 15th series of talks, "Caribbean Conferences". The conferences scheduled for the month of September include:

Thursday, September 4, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Dr. Vivian Martínez Tabares, Casa Las Américas,  
Havana, Cuba

*Exploraciones identitarias: género, raza, clase para  
una aproximación a lo caribeño en la escena cubana*

Tuesday, September 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Presentation of the journal *Sargasso*

*Global Cuba/Cuba Global: Worldly Perspectives from  
the 21st Century*

Dr. Don Walicek, Dr. Katherine Miranda, Dr. Lowell  
Fiet, Dr. Vivian Martínez Tabares

Thursday, September 18, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Dr. Reinaldo Funes Monzote, Fundación Antonio Núñez  
Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre & Universidad de  
La Habana

*Transiciones socioambientales del Caribe en la era de  
la globalización*

Thursday, September 25, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Dr. Humberto García Muñoz, Institute of Caribbean Stu-  
dies, UPR-RP

*The Caribbean and its Geostrategic Crossroads, 1492-  
2014*

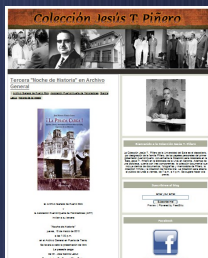
The activities are held in the Manuel Maldonado Denis Amphitheater of  
the School of Social Sciences.



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