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a partnership with Florida International University,
and the Center for Latin American Studies
of the University of Miami,
cordially invite you to a guest lecture:*

*“How Latin America is studied in Europe:
a view from Spain”*

When: Monday, February 18, 2008, 5:00 pm

Where: Ferré Building 126, Coral Gables Campus, University of Miami

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