



# Tribute to Nicolás Sánchez Albornoz



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## Venue

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## Admission

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**Homage to the historian who will be present to discuss his long journey and its intrinsic ties to the history of Spain.**

Historian Nicolas Sanchez-Albornoa was the first director of the Cervantes Institute, and taught at universities in Argentina, the United States (NYU, Columbia, Yale and Texas) and Spain. He is the son of Don Claudio, the celebrated historian and President of the Republic in exile.

He is a firm advocate for democracy, made evident in a passage of his autobiography in which relates his escape from the Valle de los Caidos. He was arrested in 1947 for painting graffiti on the walls of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Complutense University of Madrid, and was sentenced to six years in prison. He was transferred to the Valle de los Caidos, from which he escaped in 1948, mocking the guards with the help of the anthropologist Paco Benet and two American girls. He was exiled in Argentina for 18 years before he was again forced to run away.

This event pays homage to Sanchez Albornoz who will be present to discuss his long journey and the intrinsic ties it has to the history of Spain.

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In Spanish and English with simultaneous translation.