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The **Embassy of Peru to the Hellenic Republic**
and the **Department of Spanish Language and Literature**
of the **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**
are pleased to invite you to the opening of the exhibition:

“The Author Walks”

Iconography by **Felipe Huaman Poma de Ayala**

A journey through the imagery
of the renowned Peruvian Indigenous chronicler and artist.

Thursday
March 13th
2025
17:00

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens,
University Campus, School of Philosophy,
(1, Nikolaou Politi str., 3rd floor, 157 72 Zografou)
The main gate is located on the Oulof Palme Avenue
(A map is attached)

Join us for a **Pisco cocktail** tasting at the opening ceremony!



■ This exhibition explores the rich iconography of **Felipe Huaman Poma de Ayala**, an Andean chronicler who, in 1615, addressed a manuscript to King Philip III of Spain. The 1,188-page document combines text and illustrations to depict Andean culture and denounce colonial abuses, with the hope of persuading the monarch to intervene and improve conditions in the Viceroyalty of Peru. The manuscript was likely sent to Spain in early 1616. A Danish ambassador may have acquired it in Madrid in the mid-17th century, as by 1662, it was already part of the Danish royal collections. In 1908, German scholar Richard Pietschmann rediscovered the manuscript and brought it to the attention of the academic world. In 1936, after a meticulous restoration process, the Paris Institute of Ethnology published a facsimile edition of the work.

■ **Special Highlight: Iconography of Pedro de Candia**

Discover the story of **Pedro de Candia** (c. 1485–1542), a Greek explorer and conquistador, who was born in Crete, which was then part of the Republic of Venice. His surname comes from the Venetian name of the city of Heraklion. He was the first Greek involved in the early explorations of the south of the New World and was one of the 13 officers of Francisco Pizarro's expedition who decided to continue despite the adversities. He played a key role in the defeated of the Inca Empire (1532). As mayor of the city of Cusco on two occasions, his influence was significant in the expansion of Spanish rule in South America. His journey is a fascinating link between Greece and Peru's shared history.

