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## **Studies**

Ramon Sainero has a degree in Philology from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid. He attended PhD and M.A. studies in Irish literature in the New University of Ulster (Coleraine) and obtained his PhD in the Universidad Complutense of Madrid. He has attended intensive courses in Celtic languages and literature for over ten years in Ireland, at the Universities of Galway (Cararoe), Trinity College (Dublin), The University of Ulster (Coleraine) and Oideas Gael (Donegald). He has given and published more than hundred lectures, conferences, articles and books in Spain, Ireland, Sweden, England, Portugal, Brasil, and EEUU.

## **Field of Research**

His field of research for many years has been focused on comparative literature Celtic Studies and the influence of early Indo-European culture in the Iberian Peninsula and the British Isles. The commonly maintained theory is that the Celts, or at least Celtic Civilization, originated in central Europe, with Halstatt (Austria) and La Tene (Switzerland) as the principal sources of information on these origins. But this does not mean the Celts, or the Celtic culture, originated from that part of Europe. The Danube, the Mediterranean Sea and Spain could also have constituted the site from which this invasive wave made its way into the interior of Europe, and this is a possibility that we should not discard. Nowadays a new theory has being developed with historical, archaeological, linguistic and cultural proofs, a theory that during centuries was considered only as mythology.

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