



Moment 1: Resistance

Welcome to Memorial House José Domingo Cañas.

Before we begin this tour, we invite you to observe the surroundings of this site. What draws your attention? What is the neighbourhood like? As you can see and hear, this place is in a residential neighbourhood, with a lot of movement and activity. These surroundings will always be part of the history of this house.

The first part of the tour corresponds to the “resistance” period. In this site of memory, until a little over 20 years ago, there was a red room. During the beginning of the 70’s, this site was bought by a married couple by the names of Vania Bambirra and Teotonio Dos Santos, both Brazilian sociologists who had arrived in Chile fleeing from the dictatorship that began in Brazil in 1964 and also to contribute to the process of the *left-wing political alliance* “Popular Unity”. Both Vania and Teotonio were precursors and important thinkers of the dependency theory.

Looking for a way to contribute and mobilised by the ideas of the Revolutionary Left Movement, they decided to set up in this house, a place for political studies where young left-wing militants participated.

If you look to the back of the site, you will see a palm tree and a swimming pool. These are main elements in the history of this house. During this period, the palm tree and pool were in the wide patio at the back, and which were used for recreational purposes by the owners and young people that visited the house.

We invite you to continue the tour in the “Refuge” period. Please scan the QR code which you may find in the panel in front of the “Prisoner Entry”.