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“On the Particular Language of the Incas/
Sobre la lengua particular de los Incas”

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16th and 17th century chroniclers, among them Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, call
attention to the fact that the Incas had a ‘particular language’ used exclusively
by members of the court. Unable to explain a dozen proper names in terms of
his Quechua mother tongue, Garcilaso de la Vega assumed they must belong
to the purported secret language. This could have been Puquina, once a
major language spoken in the Lake Titicaca environs, the region from where
the mythical Incas came into the Cuzco valley.

The talk will be in Spanish with questions and answers
in English, Spanish and Quechua

A Workshop/discussion for all interested
(undergraduates, graduates, others.) will be held
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