

# Mirta González Suárez

**Mirta González Suárez** (born September 29, 1948)<sup>[1]</sup> is a Costa Rican social psychologist and novelist. She is an emeritus professor of psychology at the University of Costa Rica, where she has conducted research in women's studies and political psychology. Her first novel, *Crimen con sonrisa* (*Crime with a Smile*), won a national literary award, the Aquileo J. Echeverría Award in 2013.<sup>[2]</sup> In 2016 she won the award "UNA palabra" by the National University of Costa Rica for her novel "La gobernadora"<sup>[3][4]</sup> and in 2021 the "Juegos Florales Hispanoamericanos de Quetzaltenango 2021" for the novel "La Independencia".<sup>[5]</sup>

## Early life and education

González Suárez was born in San José, Costa Rica, in 1948.<sup>[1]</sup> She earned her PhD in psychology from the Autonomous University of Madrid in 1987, with a dissertation on sexism in Costa Rican education.<sup>[6][7]</sup> While pursuing her doctoral studies, she earned a Fulbright Award, which she used to compare sexism in American and Costa Rican texts.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Academia

González Suárez is a professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Costa Rica.<sup>[8]</sup> Her research interests include sexism in education, discrimination, and political psychology.<sup>[9]</sup> She has published more than 50 works in Spanish, including books and peer-reviewed articles.<sup>[9]</sup>

González Suárez was the first director of the University of Costa Rica/National University of Costa Rica joint Women's Studies graduate program.<sup>[9]</sup> She was the deputy director of the Centre for Research in Women's Studies at the University of Costa Rica.<sup>[9]</sup> In 1993, she chaired the organizing committee for the Fifth International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, held in San José.<sup>[7]</sup> In 2008 a writing award in her name was created at the University of Costa Rica.<sup>[10]</sup>

## Writing

Mirta González Suárez	
Born	September 29, 1948 <div><span><span></span></span> <u>San José, Costa Rica</u></div>
Nationality	Costa Rican
Occupation	Emeritus Professor
Academic background	
Alma mater	<u>Autonomous University of Madrid</u>
Academic work	
Discipline	<u>Psychology</u> , <u>Women's studies</u>
Sub-discipline	<u>Social psychology</u> <u>Feminist psychology</u> , <u>Political psychology</u>
Institutions	<u>University of Costa Rica</u>

González Suárez published her first novel, *Crimen con sonrisa* (*Crime with a Smile*), in 2013; it was awarded Costa Rica's Aquileo J. Echeverría National Literary Award.<sup>[1]</sup> Her 2016 novel, *La Gobernadora* (*The Governor*), won the UNA Palabra Prize from the National University of Costa Rica.<sup>[8]</sup>

## Selected works

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### Academic books

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