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Paintings on walls, in different formats and styles, are a constant in human history. In different geographical areas and for different purposes, communities use walls and buildings to express themselves. In this lecture, I will try to discuss this subject from the specific Portuguese case, with a special focus on the Lisbon region. This presentation seeks to provide a historical overview of the phenomenon, starting with the revolutionary period of 25 April 1974 and following the evolution of muralism up to the present day. In connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of 25 April, we will discuss the historical memory of muralism at the time and the impact it had on the urban art that developed in the following decades.

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