

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CANNING HOUSE AND LSE ESTABLISH THE CANNING HOUSE RESEARCH FORUM**

CANNING HOUSE and the LSE are delighted to announce the creation of the Canning House Research Forum at the LSE.

The Forum will be hosted by the LSE Latin America and Caribbean Centre and will be a multi-year rolling programme of research and policy engagement around the overarching theme of “The Future of Latin America and the Caribbean” with particular reference to UK-Latin American relations.

The programme will consist of a series of individual, policy-focused research projects aiming to advance knowledge and offer insights of practical application to political, economic, social and business policy-making.

Output from the programme will be published through our websites, through social media and as reports at 12-18 month intervals. There will also be a suite of associated events in the UK and Latin America, directed at audiences drawn not only from academia but also from governments, parliaments, embassies, businesses, chambers of commerce, think-tanks and private individuals - to showcase, discuss and build upon the implications of the research for practical policy.

“I am delighted that the Canning House Research Forum is going to be based in the LSE Latin America and Caribbean Centre. The LSE is an established and proven research powerhouse, and the LSE LACC’s geographic coverage and its areas of interest - politics and international affairs, economics and business, governance, society and culture – mirror Canning House’s own priorities. I am looking forward to a joint programme of research that will deliver fresh insights into the future of the region and events that will progress the policy agenda.” Cristina Cortes, CEO Canning House.

"As Director of the LSE Latin America and Caribbean Centre I am delighted to be working with Canning House. The Research Forum is an exciting opportunity to develop ground-breaking research on UK-Latin America relations at a vital time for businesses, governments and civil society. I look forward to working with Canning House in what I am confident will be a productive and positive collaboration." Gareth Jones, Director, LSE LACC.

#### Further Information:

**Canning House’s** Mission is to build understanding and relationships between the UK and Latin America.

We are the UK’s leading forum for contacts, thought-leadership and pragmatic debate on Latin American political, economic and social trends and issues, and business risks and opportunities.

Our members and associates include Ministers and parliamentarians, officials and diplomats, business leaders, academics and individuals interested in the region, both in the UK and across Latin America.

We publish newsletters and reports and convene geopolitical, socioeconomic and business conferences and roundtables - raising awareness and understanding, aiding policymaking and best practice, and offering unrivalled networking opportunities.

**The LSE Latin America and Caribbean Centre** is the LSE's hub for research and engagement on the region. We support new academic, policy and practice-relevant research on a range of cutting-edge topics, as well as knowledge exchange through panels, lectures and publications. The Centre works to increase the flow of ideas between staff and students at the School, and governments, business and civil society across the world with interest in topics affecting the region.

Details of the first research project will be publicised via the following weblinks:

[www.canninghouse.org/...](http://www.canninghouse.org/)

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/lacc/about-us>