



Canning Lecture

with

H.E. President Carlos Alvarado Quesada

President of the Republic of Costa Rica



Costa Rica's Ambition for a Green Global Contract

Tuesday 2nd November

12:00-14:30 GMT

The Canning Lecture will begin at 13:40 GMT

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H.E. Carlos Alvarado Quesada

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President of the Republic of Costa Rica



President Carlos Alvarado Quesada was elected President of the Republic of Costa Rica in 2018. At the Universidad de Costa Rica he studied Journalism and a Master's in Political Science, followed by a Master's in Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the UK.

Mr. Alvarado is an expert in communications, public policy, and public-private partnerships, experience in political communications and advisory roles. He was also a Professor of Communications at the Universidad de Costa Rica and at the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica.

Before his presidential career, Mr. Alvarado served as an advisor to Partido Acción Ciudadana in Costa Rica's Congress from 2006 to 2010. In 2014, he was appointed as Minister of Human Development and Social Inclusion, and Executive President of the Instituto Mixto de Ayuda Social; and in 2016, as Minister of Labour and Social Security.

In addition to his careers in politics and academia, President Alvarado is a published author, his works including *Temporada en Brighton* (A Season in Brighton) and *Posesiones* (Possessions).

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On Tuesday 2nd November, Canning House will host a Canning Lecture with His Excellency Carlos Alvarado Quesada, President of the Republic of Costa Rica.

The President, whose Canning Lecture in Glasgow coincides with his visit to the United Kingdom for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), will speak on the topic: 'Costa Rica's Ambition for a Green Global Contract.'

The event will begin with a networking lunch reception. Lord Mountevans, Honorary President of Canning House, will inaugurate the lecture session and welcome attendees. After the President has delivered his lecture, there will be an opportunity for audience questions, moderated by Cristina Cortes, Canning House CEO. Nick McCall, Chair of Canning House, will close the Canning Lecture.

Since 1997, the Canning Lecture has been delivered by a visiting Latin American or Iberian President or Head of Government. The Canning Lecture is one of the most high-profile such events in the UK, and a unique opportunity to hear from and engage directly with a current Latin American or Iberian leader.

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About Canning House

Canning House is the UK's leading think tank on Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), at the forefront of raising mutual awareness and understanding, aiding policy-making and disseminating best practice among our key associates, members and followers worldwide on the region's political, economic and social trends and issues, business risks and opportunities.

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Programme of Events

| TIME (UK) | ACTIVITY |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12:00-13:30 | Networking Lunch Reception |
| 13:30-13:40 | Guests to take seats in the Main Hall |
| 13:40-13:45 | Inauguration of the event and welcoming remarks by Lord Mountevans, Honorary President, Canning House |
| 13:45-14:15 |  Canning Lecture with H.E. President Carlos Alvarado Quesada Costa Rica's Ambition for a Green Global Contract <i>Simultaneous translation available.</i> |
| 14:15-14:30 | Questions and Answers Moderated by Cristina Cortes, CEO, Canning House |
| 14:30 | Closure of the Canning Lecture by Nick McCall, Chair, Canning House |

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Biographies



Lord Mountevans

Honorary President, Canning House

Jeffrey Mountevans is an elected hereditary Peer and a member of the House of Lords, where he sits on the crossbenches. He served as Lord Mayor of London in 2015-16. He worked at international shipbroking firm Clarksons for 45 years, and now chairs the board of Maritime London, in addition to other leading roles in British shipping organisations. Lord Mountevans has been Canning House's Honorary President since 2018.



Nick McCall

Chair, Canning House

Nick was raised in Argentina and Brazil and spent his early career in a number of Latin American countries working for Bank of London & South America (BOLSA). He is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. In the UK, Nick chairs the Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) UK Chapter, establishing links between senior financial executives across the globe, and was most recently Head of Wealth Management at Dolfín Financial, an independent wealth management platform.



Cristina Cortes

CEO, Canning House

Cristina Cortes is an Oxford and LSE politics and economics graduate. Having worked in government, banking and energy across a variety of commercial, business development and government relations roles in London, Houston, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina and Brazil, in 2015 she joined Canning House, the UK's leading forum for Latin America and Iberia. She took over as CEO in 2018.

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All attendees will receive an email including a **short post-event survey**. We kindly ask that you provide any feedback you may have, such that we can provide the best experience possible at future Canning House events.

Get in touch

If you have any questions about this event, Canning House, or any other queries not covered in this document, please visit our website canninghouse.org, contact us at events@canninghouse.org or call our office on +44 (0) 20 7811 5600.

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