



Canning Lecture

with

H.E. President Laurentino Cortizo

President of the Republic of Panama



Panama: Gateway to Latin America

Monday 1st November

09:00-12:30 GMT

The Canning Lecture will begin at 09:45 GMT.

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President of the Republic of Panama



President Laurentino Cortizo was elected President of the Republic of Panama in 2019.

He holds a Business Administration degree from Norwich University, USA, a Master's degree in Business Administration, and Ph.D. studies in International Business and Marketing at the University of Texas in Austin.

Mr. Cortizo was elected to Panama's National Assembly in 1994, and re-elected in 2004. During that period, he became First Vice President of the National Assembly (1998), and in 2000 was appointed its President. In this role, he implemented initiatives such as the Austerity Program with Efficiency, and the Directorate of Citizen Participation. He also chaired committees on Public Works, Agricultural Affairs and Trade. Mr. Cortizo was appointed Minister of Agricultural Development in 2004.

In 2016, Mr. Cortizo successfully ran as a presidential candidate for the Democratic Revolutionary Party, and was elected as the 38th President of the Republic of Panama in 2019 for a five-year period.

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Canning Lecture with H.E. President Laurentino Cortizo, President of the Republic of Panama

On Monday 1st November, Canning House will host a Canning Lecture with His Excellency Laurentino Cortizo, President of the Republic of Panama, in Glasgow.

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: 'Panama: Gateway to Latin America.'

Lord Mountevans, Honorary President of Canning House, will inaugurate the event 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. The event will be followed by a networking reception.

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
9:00–9:30	Registration and refreshments
9:30–9:45	Guests to take seats in the Main Hall
9:45–9:50	Inauguration of the event and welcoming remarks by Lord Mountevans, Honorary President, Canning House
9:50–10:30	 Canning Lecture with H.E. President Laurentino Cortizo Panama: Gateway to Latin America <i>Simultaneous translation available.</i>
10:30–10:45	Questions and Answers Moderated by Cristina Cortes, CEO, Canning House
10:45–10:50	Closure of the Canning Lecture By Nick McCall, Chair, Canning House
10:50–12:30	Networking Reception
12:30	Close

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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 Dolfin 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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