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### Latin America, prospering in spite of the pessimism?



**Thursday 15th October, 2015**  
Mansion House, London, EC2P 3EJ

Registration tea and coffee from 8am  
Conference: 9:00am-1:30pm  
The conference will be followed by a networking lunch

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From 2003-2013, Latin American economies grew at an annual average rate of around 5%, driven to a large extent by increased external demand for commodities. It was presented as a developing region with steadily improving economies, poverty and inequality reduction, social mobility and progress; a global success story presented as a new region to look towards and invest in. However, with the ending of the commodity super-cycle, the boom is over. Economic growth has slowed, combined with resurgent and widespread corruption scandals, growing violence and insecurity in several countries, and human rights challenges. Global media perception has grown increasingly pessimistic.

However: despite the headline gloom and cynicism, most Latin American countries are in fact continuing to succeed, consolidating the gains made during the previous 10 years. Low debt, stronger banks and more reserves have cushioned the economies, while political stability and stronger institutions, combine with increasing diversification and productivity to offer the hope of growth that is less dependent on commodities. With borrowing costs still relatively low, many countries are increasing their investment in infrastructure, along with, in some cases, ambitious new structural and political reforms. In this reality, and in spite of strong headwinds, the outlook is for continued progress, building on the considerable achievements of the fast growth years accompanied by a sense of optimism about the future.

Debate at the Canning Conference 2015 will seek to establish where the true balance lies between the case for pessimism and that for optimism, while as always, teasing out the nuances that arise from the great diversity and heterogeneity of this vast region.

The conference will comprise of four sessions in total and we are delighted to announce the following confirmed participants:

- **Mark Cutifani**, CEO of Anglo American PLC-
- **Rt Hon Michael Portillo**, journalist, broadcaster, and former Conservative Party politician and Cabinet Minister / Honorary Vice President, Canning House
- **Julie Katzman**, Executive Vice President and COO of Inter-American Development Bank
- **Gustavo Mohar**, CEO, Grupo Atalaya; former General Secretary of CISEN (Mexico's national security intelligence agency) 2007 to 2011; fmr Undersecretary, Ministry of the Interior; and former Chief Negotiator for Immigration Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Jorge Cachinero**, Corporate Director of Innovation, Llorente y Cuenca; Professor at IE Business School, Madrid; and member of the Advisory Council of Corporate Excellence at the Centre for Reputation Leadership
- **Peter Van Veen**, Programme Director, Business Integrity Programme, Transparency International UK
- **Marta Lagos**, Founder and Executive Director of Latinobarómetro and IPSOS Chile polling companie

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