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Events during the month of September 2024

Trade Routes: Latin America Update

Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR

Wednesday, 18 September 6-9pm. Cost: £60 per person

This latest in the Master's Trade Routes series covers Latin America – the UK's "Forgotten Continent". Towards the end of the 19th Century, Latin America bought a third of its imports from the UK and British companies accounted for c.40% of its inward investment, having built most of the region's transport infrastructure. But over the following 150 years, imports from and to the UK sank to around 1% in each direction.

Despite 21st Century efforts by successive government ministers, trade envoys, chambers of commerce and other institutions such as Canning House, these shares still stand at a mere 2-2.5%. That puts Latin America on a par with sub-Saharan Africa in terms of significance for UK trade. With a population of 650mn and GDP for the Region bordering on US\$7tn, this looks like a missed opportunity set. So why does the challenge appear to be so difficult? These are issues that this event is designed to give us insights into.

We will have an introductory presentation on what is driving the economic trends in the region, followed by a panel of hands-on trade practitioners from both the LatAm and UK sides, including business people and an environmental expert. Moderated by Liveryman Cristina Cortes, the audience will have a chance to quiz our experts during the panel Q&A and also over the refreshments and canapés that follow.

Confirmed speakers include:

Javier Alvarez, Chairman, the British Argentine Chamber of Commerce (based in the UK)

Mark Titley, Senior Research Associate with Global Canopy of the UK - a founding partner of Trase, a digital platform that provides data and analysis on the links between agricultural commodity trade and deforestation, emissions and other environmental impacts (In partnership with the Stockholm Environment Institute).

Horacio Rossi, Projects Director, Mott MacDonald and Honorary Vice-President at Canning House (Mott MacDonald is a management, engineering and development consultancy headquartered in the United Kingdom. It employs +18,000 staff in 150 countries).

James McKeigue, Base Metals Editor, Fastmarkets and was previously, Editor of LatAm Investor (Fastmarkets is a cross-commodity price reporting agency in the agriculture, forest products, metals and mining, and energy markets; LatAm Investor is the UK's only investment magazine focussed on Latin America).

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Trade and Faith: A Symposium with leaders of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian Faiths
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Wednesday, 25 September 6pm-8:30pm. Cost: £60 per person

Please join us for a very special evening when distinguished leaders from the Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths discuss how beliefs, both religious and mercantile, can and do work together, as they have done for millennia in an ever-lasting quest for truth and mutual understanding. We are delighted to have on our our guest panel the following:

Dr. Sayed Razawi JP, FRAS FRSA. Dr. Razawi is the Chief Imam in Scotland and an Associate at the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs at Harvard Divinity. He is also Convenor of the UNHCR Multi-Religious Leaders Council (MRLC) and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Strathclyde.

Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah is assistant professor of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Groningen in The Netherlands, receiving her PhD in 2019 from Leiden University. She is specialised in the modern history of Middle Eastern and North African Jewry and her research considers how, disparate Jewish communities interacted with each other through philanthropic, business, and religious networks. Sasha is author of numerous scholarly and trade publications including her recent monograph *Baghdadi Jewish Networks in the Age of Nationalism* (Brill, 2021).

Edward Hadas, a Research Fellow at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University also teaches philosophy, economics, and social theory to visiting American undergraduates. Before coming to Blackfriars, he worked for 45 years in finance and financial journalism. He is currently working on a book on narratives of modernity and is the author of *Money, Finance, Reality, Morality* (2022) and *Counsels of Imperfection: Thinking through Catholic Social Teaching* (2020).

A selection of beverages will be served before the discussion, with light snacks afterwards and a chance to meet our speakers.

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