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President of the Republic of Ecuador

Rafael Correa Delgado, who took office as President of the Republic of Ecuador in January 2007, has a background as an academic, government minister and consultant for international organizations.

Born in Guayaquil, Ecuador in 1963, President Correa holds a PhD in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2001), a master of science degree in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1999), a master of arts degree in economics from the Catholic University of Louvain at Louvain-la-Neuve (1991) and a Bachelor's degree in economics from the Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil (1987). He has been awarded several scholarships and prizes.

From 1983 to 1993, President Correa served as a Professor at the Faculty of Economics, Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil. From 1993 to 1997, he was a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Economics, University San Francisco de Quito. Later, he worked at the Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States of America, until 2001. He then returned to the University San Francisco de Quito to serve as a Senior Lecturer and Director of "SUR", Centre for Economic Research and Social Studies.

During this time, President Correa was also a Visiting Professor at the Latin American School of Social Sciences, the Monterrey Institute of Technology and the Simón Bolívar Andean University, all in Quito; and at the University of Guayaquil, the Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil and the Higher Polytechnic College of the Littoral, all in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

President Correa also held a number of consultancy positions with international and national organizations, such as the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, the United Nations Development Programme, the Latin American School of Social Sciences and the Catholic University of Ecuador.

Among his publications are *The Vulnerability of the Ecuadorian Economy: Towards better Economic Politics for Employment Generation, Reduction of Poverty and Inequality*, published by the United Nations Development Programme in 2004, and *Ecuador: de Banana Republic a la No República*, published by Penguin Random House in 2012. He has also authored a number of scientific articles published in Ecuador, Chile and the United States of America.

In 2005, President Correa served as his country's Minister of Finance and Economy before mounting a successful bid for the presidency in 2006. After two further successful elections, his current term will end in 2017. In 2009–2010, President Correa served as the President of the Union of South American Nations.

President Correa is married to Ms. Anne Malherbe; they have three children.