

A photograph of Laura Chinchilla, President of Costa Rica, smiling and pointing her right index finger towards the camera. She is wearing a white blazer over a green collared shirt. The background is dark and out of focus, showing parts of other people.

Today in History

February 7, 2010

▲ **Laura Chinchilla was the first woman to be elected President of Costa Rica. A protege of outgoing president Oscar Arias, her term in office ended in 2014**

1932: The “neutron”, a neutral particle in the nucleus of atoms, was first reported by James Chadwick

1971: A referendum in Switzerland voted 66% in favour of women’s suffrage

2016: North Korea successfully launched an earth observation satellite, Kwangmyongsong-4

2017: President Vladimir Putin signed a bill into law decriminalising domestic violence in Russia