

ILIA CALDERÓN

Co- Anchor, “Noticiero Univision Edición Nocturna”

Ilia Calderón is co-anchor of "Noticiero Univision Edición Nocturna", a week day edition of Univision's late evening newscast; airing at 11:30 p.m. Before she got this promotion in 2011, she was co-anchor of Univision Network's daily news magazine show, "Primer Impacto" one of the highest-rated programs in the United States and in 12 Latin American countries. Prior to hosting the show, she served as co-anchor of the weekend edition, "Primer Impacto Fin de Semana".

Before joining Univision, Calderón was co-host of Telemundo Network's weekday morning program "Cada Día con María Antonieta Collins". Previously, she co-anchored Telemundo's weekend national newscast where she covered major national and international events, including the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the invasion of Afghanistan, the Iraq war, the capture of Saddam Hussein, and the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina. Calderón was also news anchor for the international cable network Telemundo Internacional, and has interviewed numerous prominent politicians and celebrities, among them Secretary of State and former Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Colombian former president Álvaro Uribe Velez, Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, and world-famous singers/songwriter Shakira and Juanes. Ilia also went inside a high security prison in Colombia to interview John Jairo Velásquez Vásquez, alias "Popeye", who was the closest man to Pablo Escobar, one of the "most wanted" criminals of all times. Ilia had the exclusive interview with the son of Pablo Escobar when he decided to ask for the forgiveness of the victims of his own father.

A native of Colombia, Calderón began her career in 1994 anchoring a local newscast in Colombia's second largest city, Medellín. Three years later she became the anchor of a highly respected nightly national newscast CM& and also for a travel program; roles she held until she moved to the United States in 2001.

Calderón has received several recognitions during her professional career, including a National Emmy Award in 2002 and in 2005, she received the "Premio Orquídea" award, which honors Colombians abroad, for best international journalist of the year. In 2002, she was named one of the 100 Most Important Hispanic journalists by the Hispanic Media 100 organization and was chosen four times by "People en Español" Magazine for renowned edition of the the 50 Most Beautiful.