
Stephen Cole

A brief career description



Stephen Cole is one of the world's most recognisable and respected faces of international television journalism. Over the past twenty-three years he has anchored the launches of:

- Sky News (London)
- CNN International (Atlanta)
- BBC World Asia and Click Online (London) and
- Al Jazeera (London) six years ago

Stephen is now developing a high profile corporate career in communications.

After presenting award-winning coverage of Europe as well as investigations into organised crime, corruption and people trafficking across Eastern Europe, Stephen moved to Al Jazeera headquarters in Doha to help launch the next stage of the channel development, including corporate relations.

Previously, he anchored live coverage of elections held in Islamabad, Delhi, Moscow, Paris, Hong Kong, Sofia and Bangkok and now as Senior Anchor at Al Jazeera he has covered the momentous events of the Arab Spring.

Stephen has also covered nine conflicts ranging from the Falklands War to Bosnia and Kosovo, the two wars in the Gulf and "9-11".

For six years he presented the annual Oscars programme live for BBC World and News 24.

Ten years ago Stephen came up with the idea for a television programme covering Information Technology. He wrote and presented Click Online for 7 years. The success of the style and his format of the show is still watched by millions on the BBC. Stephen presented the show from twenty-four countries and hosted numerous prestigious IT events in Asia and South America.

He has taken a senior executive role in directing major events at elections and international news breaking stories.



Stephen's corporate career began with the establishment of Cole Productions – a corporate communications company – fifteen years ago.

He also provides media training through Brazil and Brazil International. He is a Director of Brazil International.

He has worked closely with the World Customs Organization, Interpol, the International Security Management Association, the Qatar Foundation and the United Nations as well as having considerable experience in lecturing at academic institutions across the world in subjects ranging from “The Nature of Terrorism” to “Modern Journalism”.

He also delivered the keynote lectures on journalism and terrorism at the University of Colorado.

Stephen also won a National Travel Writers Award for his work in Malaysia.

He has chaired and facilitated at the World Economic Forum at Davos for the past eight years.

He is a Media Fellow at the World Economic Forum and jury member of BAFTA.

He is now the Chairman of the Institute of Business and Diplomacy.

Stephen is married to Anne-Marie Cole, a senior BBC Radio 4 Producer.

Stephen is also a Director of the world famous Championship Rugby Club London Welsh.

