

# Biographies

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## Welcome



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### **Susan Danger**

CEO

American Chamber of Commerce to the EU

Susan Danger is CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU), which speaks for American companies committed to Europe on trade, investment and competitiveness issues. She has full strategic and operational responsibility for the association and represents it externally. AmCham EU is a membership organisation supporting over 150 US corporate companies, international business, and law and consultancy firms in the area of public affairs. Susan has dedicated her entire career to advancing transatlantic cooperation.

She joined AmCham EU in 1995 as Communications Manager, becoming Communications & Operations Manager in 2000. Since 2002 she has been leading the organisation as Managing Director and since 2016 as CEO. In 2003 she oversaw the re-branding of AmCham EU and its separation from AmCham Belgium.

In 2017 AmCham EU was awarded for the fourth time the Trade Association/Professional Body of the Year Award, having previously won the award in 2009, 2012 and 2014.

Susan was named by POLITICO as one of the top 20 women influencers in Brussels in 2016 and 2020.

Susan was elected as Chair of AmChams in Europe (ACE) for the period 2020-2022. AmChams in Europe (ACE) serves as the umbrella organisation for 45 American Chambers of Commerce (AmChams) in 43 countries throughout Europe and Eurasia. She has also served as Vice-Chair (2009 -2014) and was a Member of its Executive Committee (2005-2008).

A graduate of the University of Bath, UK, with a BA in European Studies, French and German, Susan's career developed in London in marketing and communications within the tour operation industry, where prior to coming to Brussels she worked for Thomson Tour Operations.

A UK citizen fluent in English, German and French and conversant in Dutch and Spanish, Susan Danger lives in Brussels with her husband and has three children.

## Fireside Chat:



@RobertDoar

**Robert Doar**  
President  
Morgridge Scholar  
American Enterprise Institute

Robert Doar is the president and Morgridge Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

He served for more than 20 years in leadership positions within social service programs of New York State and New York City under Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Mr Doar came to AEI in 2014 to build out a new body of work on poverty studies. The program is now a leading voice in the national discussion on the importance of work, family, and personal responsibility to human flourishing.

While at AEI, Mr Doar has served as a co-chair of the National Commission on Hunger and as a lead member of the AEI-Brookings Working Group on Poverty and Opportunity. He was editor of [‘A Safety Net That Works: Improving Federal Programs for Low-Income Americans’](#) (AEI Press, 2017) and a contributing author to [‘Opportunity, Responsibility, and Security: A Consensus Plan for Reducing Poverty and Restoring the American Dream’](#) (2015); [‘This Way Up: New Thinking About Poverty and Economic Mobility’](#) (2018); and [‘Work, Skills, Community: Restoring Opportunity for the Working Class’](#) (2018).

In January 2019, Mr Doar was selected by AEI’s Board of Trustees to be the Institute’s 12<sup>th</sup> president, succeeding Arthur Brooks on 1 July 2019. Mr Doar now leads one of the nation’s oldest and most respected public policy think tanks, which is dedicated to bolstering free enterprise and innovation, strengthening our communities, defending our nation’s founding values, and revitalizing the foundations of American defence.



**Darrell West**  
Vice President and Director of Governance Studies  
Brookings

Darrell West is Vice President and Director of Governance Studies and holds the Douglas Dillon Chair. He is Founding Director of the Center for Technology Innovation at Brookings and Editor-in -chief of TechTank. His current research focuses on artificial intelligence, robotics, and the future of work. Mr West is also Director of the John Hazen White Manufacturing Initiative. Prior to coming to Brookings, he was the John Hazen White Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Director of the Taubman Center for Public Policy at Brown University.

Mr West is the author or co-author of 24 books, including among others, [Divided Politics, Divided Nation](#) (Brookings Institution Press, 2019) [The Future of Work: Robots, AI, and Automation](#) (Brookings Institution Press, 2018), [Megachange: Economic Disruption, Political Upheaval, and Social Strife in the 21st Century](#) (Brookings Institution Press, 2016).

He is the winner of the American Political Science Association's Don K. Price award for best book on technology (for *Digital Government*) and the American Political Science Association's Doris Graber award for best book on political communications (for *Cross Talk*). He has published more than three dozen scholarly articles in a wide range of academic journals. In 2014, he was honored by *Public Administration Review* for having written one of the 75 most influential articles since 1940 for his article "E-Government and the Transformation of Service Delivery and Citizen Attitudes."



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#### Moderator

#### **Suzanne Lynch**

Washington Correspondent  
Irish Times

Suzanne Lynch is the Washington Correspondent for the Irish Times.

Prior to her posting to Washington, she was European Correspondent for the Irish Times. Based in Brussels for four years, she led coverage of the euro zone crisis, Brexit and the refugee crisis. During her career at the Irish Times she worked as a financial journalist, covering both domestic and international business news. She has also written extensively for British and Irish media on arts and cultural issues.

She holds a BA from University College Dublin and a PhD in English Literature from Cambridge University.

She currently covers US politics from Washington and is a regular contributor on radio and TV in Ireland and internationally.