

THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE

June 20, Washington, D.C. – The Trilateral Commission held its annual plenary meeting in Paris June 14-16. Celebrating more than 45 years since its inception, the Commission’s North America, Europe, and Asia groups took stock of the world’s rapidly changing political and economic environment and reassessed the organization’s role in it.

A diverse group of dignitaries and senior business leaders addressed the Commission in Paris, including IMF head Christine Lagarde, American businessman and philanthropist David Rubenstein, and UN envoy Staffan de Mistura.

The North American group of the Commission announced several new leaders, marking a generational shift:

- **Meghan L. O’Sullivan**, the Jeane Kirkpatrick Professor of the Practice of International Affairs at Harvard University’s Kennedy School, was recently named North American Chair, following the successful tenure of Harvard professor Joseph Nye.
- **Richard Fontaine**, chief executive officer of the Center for a New American Security and former foreign policy advisor to Senator John McCain, was named executive director.
- **Michael Greenwald**, senior vice president for Tiedemann Advisors and a former U.S. Treasury official, was named deputy executive director.”

“I am thrilled to announce that Richard and Michael are joining the Trilateral Commission as part of the North American leadership team. They are part of our effort to bring in new voices, to re-orient the Commission’s activities toward today’s most pressing issues, and to increase our global impact,” said O’Sullivan.

“With his experience working in the White House, Congress, the State Department, and in running a vibrant Washington think tank,” O’Sullivan added, “Richard brings the perfect combination of energy, smarts, and creativity to the executive director position.” Fontaine will continue in his primary role as CEO of the Center for a New American Security.

“We are also fortunate to bring in Michael as deputy executive director. His deep understanding of economic issues, from his time at Treasury and in his current private sector role at Tiedemann Advisors, will deepen the Commission focus on the nexus between business and policy.”

O’Sullivan also recognized the exceptional work and dedication of Michael O’Neil, outgoing executive director, who will retire from the Commission in July after 18 years of service.

The North American Group also announced two new grants that will support its efforts to invigorate the Commission and its work. Acknowledging the key role played by David Rockefeller in founding the Commission, the Rockefeller Estate has provided a major gift to the organization. In addition, David M. Rubenstein, a long-standing member of the Commission, has made a multi-year commitment to support the activities of the organization. O'Sullivan underscored the critical nature of these generous gifts and her gratitude for the support of both donors.

For more information on the Trilateral Commission and its transformation, see:

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