



MERGER OF THE CENTURY: Why Canada and America Should Become One Country

Wednesday, March 26, 12:00 to 12:50 pm (*Lunch starts at 11:30 am*)
152 Bay State Road, Room 101

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Diane Francis is an American-Canadian award-winning columnist, bestselling author, journalist, broadcaster and entrepreneur. She is the Editor-at-Large at the National Post, a blogger with Huffington Post and a Distinguished Professor at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management. She is an expert on geopolitics, business and white collar crime. Her direct and forceful writing and speaking style make her a sought-after speaker and columnist who can describe the personalities, trends and geopolitics that affect companies, individuals, governments and societies around the world.

Diane has written ten books on white collar crime, politics, immigration, economics and finance, including the bestseller, *Who Owns Canada Now: Old Money, New Money and the Future of Canadian Business*. Her 10th book, also an e-book in all formats, is *Merger of the Century: Why Canada and America Should Become One Country* was published worldwide by Harper Collins Canada and Harper 360 on October 1, 2013.

Diane has interviewed, and written about, hundreds of CEOs, billionaires, heads of state, international criminals, Interpol officials, thinkers and academics. These include Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, Mikhail Gorbachev, Nelson Mandela, Bill Gates, George Soros, Carlos Salinas, Christine Lagarde, Pervez Musharraf, Angel Gurria, Raghuram Rajan, Larry Summers, Clayton Christensen and dozens more. She has also been able to observe and interview the world's political and thought leaders for 20 years at the World Economic Forum.

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