

LRI Welcomes Dr. Mary A. O’Sullivan to Board of Governors

Geneva-Based Economic Historian Brings Expertise in Capitalism, Profit & Governance to Role

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February 2021: The Long Run Initiative is honoured to welcome the internationally recognized economic historian Dr. Mary A. O’Sullivan to its Board of Governors. Dr. O’Sullivan is a professor of economic history at the [University of Geneva](https://www.unige.ch) in Switzerland. Her research focuses on the history of capitalism, with particular attention to enterprises, industries and financial institutions, as well as the history of economic thought with regard to profit, finance and capital. Dr. O’Sullivan was a Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin in 2016-2017, and she served as the president of the Business History Conference in 2017-2018. She is a Research Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute.



“The LRI is delighted that Professor Mary O’Sullivan has joined our Board of Governors. Before joining the University of Geneva, Dr O’Sullivan was a professor at INSEAD and the Wharton School. She is an expert in the development of capitalism and capital markets. She also has a deep interest in how policymakers and commentators use the past to make decisions in the present. The LRI looks forward to drawing on her expertise as we seek to help business leaders and policymakers gain insight from hindsight,” says Professor John Turner of Queen’s University Belfast. Prof. Turner is a Co-Founder/Director of the LRI along with Dr. Laurence B. Mussio, Toronto, and Prof. Michael Aldous, Belfast.

Dr. O’Sullivan earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree at University College Dublin, an MBA at Harvard Business School and a Ph.D. in business economics at Harvard University. A respected author, Dr. O’Sullivan’s most recent book, *Dividends of Development: Securities Markets in the History of U.S. Capitalism, 1866-1922*, was published by Oxford University Press in September 2016. She is currently working on a project on the history of profit.

About Long Run Initiative: The Long Run Initiative (LRI) is an international project whose mission is to deliver context, analysis and understanding of the long-run experience of firms, markets and governments to support better corporate and public policy decision making. Through conferences and webinars, the Long Run Initiative brings together speakers and participants from a range of academic, corporate and policy backgrounds to discuss historical trends that shape key contemporary challenges. The LRI is linked to [Queen’s University Belfast Centre for Economic History](https://www.qub.ac.uk/economic-history/) and [SIERC Inc.](https://www.sierc.com/), Toronto. For more information, visit www.longruninitiative.com.