



Candidate Motivation Letter

Name of Candidate: Rachel Morarjee
Chapter: Beijing
Position: Vice President



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I am asking you to vote for someone a little bit different. My name is Rachel Morarjee and I am the director of the Economist Corporate Network where I advise companies in China and their CEOs and global boards about the Chinese market.

Before I joined the Economist Group as network director, I was a journalist for 20 years. I ran the Agence France Presse bureau in Shanghai in the early 2000s before joining the Financial Times in Afghanistan and working as a writer and editor for the paper in Kabul, London and Moscow. I have spent half my career in China and moved back here in 2013 where I have seen the enormous dynamism in the Chinese economy as well as significant challenges for business. Diversity isn't about having a woman or a minority around the table. It is about including different voices in the conversation, to ensure that your voice, as the European Chamber, is even stronger.

I have looked at China from the inside and the outside; from Beijing and Shanghai but also from Russia, Europe and Central Asia. I have worked in the country as both a journalist and a member of the business community where I have been a board member of the British Chamber of Commerce for the last three years. My presence on the board of the European Chamber as Vice President will bring a different viewpoint to the table – that of an editor, writer and observer – and help the Chamber build on its successful policy work as a voice for European business.

Biography

Rachel Morarjee is director of the Economist Corporate Network, the Economist Group's advisory network and executive briefing service. She has lived in Beijing continuously for the last three years, having begun her international media career in China in the late 1990s. Immediately prior to joining The Economist Group, Rachel worked as the Reuters Breakingviews' China columnist, covering financial risk and China's recent overseas investment splurge. She earlier served as a consultant at Brunswick Group advising Chinese firms on their global media strategies and non-Chinese firms on Chinese government relations.