

Michele Wucker Bio: Finance

Michele Wucker, a former financial journalist, is the author of [*THE GRAY RHINO: How to Recognize and Act on the Obvious Dangers We Ignore*](#) (St Martin's Press, April 5, 2016). She has been recognized as a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and a Guggenheim Fellow.

Early in the Greek debt crisis, Michele wrote about the need for a voluntary write-off and restructuring to prevent the collapse of the euro. As a debt correspondent for Dow Jones Emerging Markets Report and later Latin America Bureau Chief at *International Financing Review* and New York correspondent for *AméricaEconomía*, she covered the restructuring of defaulted emerging markets sovereign debt, the creation of Brady bonds, and the unwinding of Argentina's financial crisis. She also has written about impact of migrant worker remittances.

After moving from journalism to the think tank world, Michele became President of the World Policy Institute; and Vice President for Studies at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs. In 2015, she founded Gray Rhino & Company to help leaders and organizations to identify and strategize responses to obvious but neglected risks.

Her first two books were [*LOCKOUT: Why America Keeps Getting Immigration Wrong When Our Prosperity Depends on Getting It Right*](#) (PublicAffairs, 2006) and [*WHY THE COCKS FIGHT: Dominicans, Haitians, and the Struggle for Hispaniola*](#) (Hill & Wang, 1999). Her articles and essays have appeared in publications around the world including CNN.com, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. She has been interviewed by many media including National Public Radio, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, and Fox News.

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