

Dr. MELINDA CRANE



Chief Political Correspondent Deutsche Welle TV TV-Producer and Journalist

The US journalist and publicist Melinda Crane is Chief Correspondent at Deutsche Welle TV. She is known to German television audiences as a presenter and expert on business journalism as well as on geopolitical and transatlantic topics. She also focuses on climate and the environment as well as integration and urbanisation. Melinda Crane analyses and comments on German, European and international politics for various television stations.

After studying history at Brown University, Melinda Crane graduated from Harvard Law School and worked temporarily for law firms in New York and Washington before earning an additional degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. The field research for her dissertation on the political economy of development aid took her through Africa and proved invaluable for her later work as a journalist. In 1983, she came to Germany on a three-month scholarship and decided to stay. Having studied history, she was particularly fascinated by Germany's approach to the past.

Before Melinda Crane came to Berlin in 1999 as a presenter of DW Journal, she worked as a producer and author of documentary films and magazine features and as a consultant for the programme "Sabine Christiansen", for which she produced interviews with international leaders from Hillary Clinton to Donald Rumsfeld and Kofi Annan. She presented "Auf den Punkt" for Deutsche Welle TV for many years and regularly appears in front of the camera as a presenter for "Quadriga".

She is frequently invited as an expert or panel guest on television and radio programmes and moderates international panel discussions and conferences with high-ranking participants.

As a sought-after speaker, she gives lectures and keynotes on the topics of international politics, geopolitics, business and society as well as new media and intercultural communication. Due to her bilingualism, she is the perfect moderator for events with an international audience.

Topics (Selection):

- The Politics of Anger: How Dwindling Trust Challenges Democracy
- How do we deal with the non-stop crisis?
- The new Geopolitics
- Money and Media: The Polarisation of US Politics
- Energy Transition "Made in USA": How "fracking" is changing the American worldview
- The Alpha Girls are growing up: Is the Glass Ceiling Cracking?
- Between the USA and China: Can Europe keep up in the global Tech Race?