

Ayesha Hazarika MBE

Political Commentator & Columnist

"Thought provoking & entertaining"

Ayesha Hazarika MBE is a columnist and broadcaster who is known for her insightful and witty opinions and observations on current affairs and politics. In 2019, Ayesha took over as Editor of *The Londoner*, the *Evening Standard's* Daily Diary section, where she distils the latest news and insights from across the capital.

TOPICS:

- Strategic Communication
- The British Media
- Current Affairs
- Politics

LANGUAGES:

She presents in English.

IN DETAIL:

Since leaving front line politics Ayesha has presented shows on LBC and was previously a part of the panel discussion show on CNN *Talk* three times a week. She is also a much sought-after pundit due to her unique position to analyse and comment on current affairs with great wit and insight appearing regularly across shows including *Question Time*, *Good Morning Britain*, *Sky Papers* and *The Today Programme*. Before politics, Ayesha worked with the chairman of music giant EMI and was a civil service press officer at the Department of Trade and Industry, Home Office and No 10. Before that, she was an award-winning comedian who toured the country and played the Edinburgh Fringe. A career she has returned to (at least in part), only now with a more political theme.

WHAT SHE OFFERS YOU:

As well as a political overview and analysis Ayesha looks at the role of women in politics and the challenges they often face in the careers. She considers how politics works, how messages are communicated (successfully and unsuccessfully), and how government policy is formed and influenced. She also addresses the future of culture, media and the creative industries in a climate of cuts and unequal opportunities.

HOW SHE PRESENTS:

With a combination of humour and insight she looks at politics, the operation of government, what goes on behind the scenes of Westminster and what might happen next.