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"One of Asia's most influential thinkers on geopolitics"

Kishore Mahbubani, a Distinguished Fellow at ARI, NUS, excels in both diplomacy (1971-2004) and academia (2004-2019). His expertise and insights continue to shape global discourse on international relations and the role of small states.

TOPICS:

- The Powershift from West to East
- The Rise of Asia
- America and the World
- Politics, Economics and Culture from an Asian Perspective
- Why the World Needs New Global Leadership
- International Affairs and Security

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English.

PUBLICATIONS:

2024	Living the Asian Century
2022	The Asian 21st Century
2020	Has China Won?
2018	Has the West Lost It?: A Provocation
2014	The Great Convergence: Asia, the West, and the Logic of One World

IN DETAIL:

Kishore Mahbubani began his distinguished diplomatic career in 1971, with postings in Cambodia, Malaysia, and Washington, D.C., and served twice as Singapore's Ambassador to the UN (1984–1989; 1998–2004). He presided over the UN Security Council in 2001 and 2002, and was Permanent Secretary at Singapore's Foreign Ministry from 1993 to 1998, earning the Public Administration Medal (Gold) in 1998. Transitioning to academia in 2004, he became the Founding Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (2004–2017) and continued as Professor in the Practice of Public Policy until 2019. He now serves as a Distinguished Fellow at NUS's Asia Research Institute, where he continues to shape discussions on Asia and global governance. In 2019, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Kishore Mahbubani helps organisations, governments, and leaders understand the rise of Asia, the future of US–China relations, and the megatrends shaping the 21st century. He is renowned for his clear, provocative, and pragmatic analyses, which challenge conventional Western thinking and open new pathways for global engagement.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

With his trademark clarity and bold foresight, Kishore equips audiences to anticipate change, reframe challenges as opportunities, and develop strategies that are future-focused, and culturally intelligent.