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About Vikram Mansharamani

Vikram Mansharamani is a global trend-watcher who shows people how to anticipate the future, manage risk, and spot opportunities. He is an academic, advisor, and author as well as a frequently sought-after speaker. Vikram adopts a uniquely global approach to his work, having worked on every continent other than Antarctica (it's on his to-do list).

He has been a regular commentator on issues driving disruption in the global business environment. His ideas and writings have also appeared in a long list of publications and he's been honored by LinkedIn as one of their Top Voices and *Worth Magazine* as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Global Finance. Millions of readers have enjoyed his unique multi-lens approach to connecting seemingly irrelevant dots.

As an advisor, Vikram assists numerous boards and c-suites navigate today's overwhelming uncertainty. He helps his clients analyze the business impact of global trends, with an emphasis on economic, political, and social risks that might generate instability. His thematic analysis and risk management is always focused on identifying opportunities within the risks. In 2022, Vikram ran for office as a candidate for the United States Senate representing New Hampshire.

Vikram is the author of *Think For Yourself: Restoring Common Sense in an Age of Experts and Artificial Intelligence* (HBR Press, 2020) and *Boombustology: Spotting Financial Bubbles Before They Burst* (Wiley, 2011, 2019). Until 2022, he was a lecturer at Harvard University, where he taught students how to make tough decisions by using multiple perspectives and systems thinking to guide their processes. Vikram has a PhD and two Masters degrees from MIT and a Bachelors degree from Yale University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Select Keynotes

• **Boom or Bust: Spotting Bubbles Before They Burst**

Our dynamic global economy seems to be producing boom and bust cycles more frequently than in the past. There's always something that seems ahead of itself, having reached unsustainable levels. In direct contrast to the prevailing academic thinking, Dr. Vikram Mansharamani believes it's possible to identify financial (and other) bubbles before they burst. Drawing on entertaining examples from art markets, architecture, and popular culture (as well as economics and politics), he powerfully demonstrates that you need not be an expert to anticipate the future. Audiences leave this talk feeling empowered to think independently and connect the obvious dots to generate not-so-obvious conclusions.

• **Navigating Uncertainty: An Unconventional Approach**

In this stimulating and entertaining talk, Dr. Vikram Mansharamani applies a unique combination of practitioner experience and academic perspective to help audiences navigate the seemingly unending crosscurrents of global economic, financial and geopolitical uncertainty. He explains how we got to the current world of protectionism, nationalism, populism, and currency conflicts and explores how the combination of political, social, technological, demographic, and economic pressures will impact future trends. After presenting several scenarios, he considers the risks and opportunities emerging from a recession or an escalation of global tensions. While audiences often find themselves agreeing with Dr. Mansharamani each step of the way, they're frequently surprised by what turn out to be unconventional conclusions.

• **Think For Yourself**

In a fast-paced world driven by complex and changing factors, connecting the dots is often more important than developing them. As a result of

the overwhelming flood of information that pours at us daily, we run headlong into the arms of experts and technologies. We've stopped thinking for ourselves and now habitually – perhaps unconsciously – outsource our thinking about important decisions. Rather than turn to specialists, Dr. Mansharamani guides us to think bigger and look across the silos of expertise, leaving listeners empowered and energized to think for themselves. This memorable talk is filled with stories from a variety of industries and settings about how we got to where we are and how we can reclaim control.

Select Book Titles

- **2024:** The Making of a Generalist
- **2020:** Think for Yourself: Restoring Common Sense in an Age of Experts and Artificial Intelligence
- **2011:** Boombustology: Spotting Financial Bubbles Before They Burst

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- [Vikram's Latest Thoughts](#)
Searchable archive of Vikram's writings (2012-present)
- [Vikram's Video Channel](#)
Compilation of all Vikram's Video Channels.
- [Superbugs: The \\$100 Trillion Risk](#)
Fortune, June 2016
- [Column: The 5 best pieces of advice from 2016 commencement speeches](#)
PBS News Hour, May 2016
- [Column: How gold and art auctions can gauge stock market confidence](#)
PBS News Hour, May 2016

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"Vikram was fantastic. He's such a nice man. Really personable and genuine. Our conference attendees loved his presentation – and I mean loved! I suspect that he will be the highest rated speaker at this event. I will share the results of our conference evaluation with you when it is ready."

– *Director, Trade Association Services, Credit Union Central of Canada*

"Vikram energetically presents his arguments in a way that engages sophisticated institutional investors in a dialogue that expands how they think about investing now and in the future."

– *Managing Director of Global Client Services and Relations, Cambridge Associates*

"He hit it out of the park! Enthusiastic responses from everyone. Could not be happier."

– *Partner, Pepper Law*

"Vikram gives a dynamic presentation that pulls disparate trends together to make compelling and thought-provoking arguments about future outcomes and investment opportunities."

– *President and Chief Operating Officer; Cambridge Associates*

"Vikram, I would like to share with the news that we are still receiving the best reviews from many attendees in regards of your conference, among them, one of the most prominent economists of Colombia. Your presentation was certainly a success and we will surely want to see you in Colombia on upcoming opportunities"

– *President, Asofiduciarías*

"You were a great addition to our program - wonderful content and presentation. I really enjoyed your talk."

– *President, Canola Council*