



## Bill Emmott

Bill Emmott is an internationally respected writer, speaker and consultant on global affairs. Former Editor-in-Chief of The Economist, he provides clear, informed analysis of geopolitics, economics and the rapidly evolving world order.

### KEY TOPICS

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- Understanding the New Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Order
- Corporate Strategy in a World of Radical Uncertainty
- The Politics and Security of the Indo-Pacific
- Japan's Economic Future and Regional Role

### BIOGRAPHY

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#### Introduction

Bill Emmott is one of the world's most insightful commentators on international affairs, globalisation and the changing balance of power. Best known as the former Editor-in-Chief of The Economist, he has spent over four decades analysing global political and economic trends, helping decision-makers understand the forces shaping business, government and society. An accomplished author, documentary producer and adviser to major organisations, Bill has become a trusted voice on the complexities of geopolitics and the global economy. His work spans continents, from Europe's political evolution to Asia's rise and the security dynamics of the Indo-Pacific, bringing together economic expertise and geopolitical awareness in a uniquely informed perspective. Today, he combines his experience as a journalist, strategist and board-level adviser to help audiences navigate uncertainty, assess risk and identify opportunities in a fragmented world.

#### Professional Background & Credentials

Bill joined The Economist in 1980 and served in Brussels, Tokyo and London before being appointed Editor-in-Chief in 1993. Over his 13-year tenure, the magazine's global circulation more than doubled, establishing its reputation as the world's leading publication on current affairs and business. Since stepping down in 2006, Bill has combined writing and research with advisory work for major global institutions. He has served as Chairman of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Chairman of the Japan Society of the UK, and Chairman of Trinity College Dublin's Long Room Hub for Arts & Humanities. He is also Chairman of the Wake Up Foundation, which he co-founded with filmmaker Annalisa Piras to promote civic engagement and public understanding of political and economic change through documentary film and education. Bill currently serves as an Ushioda Fellow at Tokyo College, University of Tokyo, Senior Adviser for Geopolitics at Montrose Associates, and Chairman of the Global Disinformation Index, a non-profit organisation dedicated to combating online

misinformation.

## Books and Publications

Bill Emmott is the author of 15 acclaimed books exploring global politics, economics and international relations. His most recent works include *Deterrence, Diplomacy and the Risk of Conflict over Taiwan* (2024), *Japan's Far More Female Future* (2020), and *The Fate of the West* (2017). Earlier works such as *Rivals* and *Good Italy, Bad Italy* established him as one of the most original voices in understanding the interplay between economic policy, political stability and international cooperation. A regular columnist for *La Stampa*, *Nikkei Business*, *Mainichi Shimbun* and *Project Syndicate*, Bill also contributes to *The Financial Times* and other leading international publications.

## Awards and Recognition

Bill's distinguished career has been recognised with numerous honours. In 2016, he received Japan's Order of the Rising Sun: Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon for his contribution to UK-Japan relations. He has also earned journalism awards from the London Press Club, Wincott Foundation, World Leadership Forum, and Gerald Loeb Awards (UCLA). He holds honorary degrees from Warwick University, City University, and Northwestern University, and is an Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.

## Speaking Style & Audience Value

Bill Emmott delivers authoritative and compelling talks that combine deep economic understanding with geopolitical insight. His style is clear, analytical and accessible, grounded in first-hand experience and an ability to distill complex global developments into meaningful takeaways for business and policy audiences. Drawing on decades of international journalism and board-level advisory experience, Bill helps audiences make sense of global change, anticipate risks, and adapt to shifting economic and political realities. His keynotes and executive briefings are particularly valued for their relevance, objectivity and forward-looking perspective.

## High-Profile Engagements and Media Work

Bill has presented and produced award-winning documentaries, including *Girlfriend in a Coma* (2013) and *The Great European Disaster Movie* (2015), both broadcast internationally by the BBC and Arte. He also co-directed the Global Commission for Post-Pandemic Policy, contributing to global discussions on resilience and international cooperation in the wake of COVID-19. [Contact us now](#) for more information on how Bill can provide your audience with authoritative, thought-provoking analysis of global politics, economics and the forces shaping tomorrow's world.