



Ian Goldin

Ian Goldin, a respected professor at Oxford University and principal economist, has advised world leaders and written influential books. As a former World Bank vice president, his work shapes global discussions on technology, the economy, and global challenges, impacting both academia and policy-making.

KEY TOPICS

- Rescue: From Global Crisis to a Better World
- Global demographic and social change
- Technology, the Future and You
- Migration - challenges and possible policies

BIOGRAPHY

The Global Vision of Ian Goldin

[Ian Goldin's](#) career has been nothing short of remarkable. A *global leader and world-leading expert*, he has made significant contributions at the [Oxford Martin School](#), where he played a key role in shaping its direction. He spearheaded projects on technological and economic change, the future of work, and sustainable development, tackling systemic challenges such as how **globalisation creates systemic risks** and **global crises**. At a crossroads in global governance, Goldin shows the importance of addressing these pressing challenges, as highlighted by research from institutions like the Oxford Martin School. As a leading agent of change, he worked from 2006 to 2016 to advance efforts in addressing some of the world's biggest challenges while exploring exciting opportunities for the future, cementing his reputation as a **leading global thinker** in global governance.

Leadership and Legacy

Before stepping into his current roles, Goldin took on leadership positions at some of the world's most respected institutions. *Serving as former Vice President of the World Bank and Director of Policy, he played a key role in shaping major development strategies.* Earlier, as **Chief Executive** of the Development Bank of Southern Africa and an **economic advisor** to President Nelson Mandela, *he worked closely with the bank's senior management team* to make a tangible impact on driving economic growth and crafting policies in demanding environments. These experiences have equipped him with a deep understanding and a rare viewpoint on global economic dynamics.

Academic and Authorial Contributions

Ian Goldin's academic path is every bit as remarkable as his career. *He's built a strong educational foundation*

*with studies at the University of Cape Town, the London School of Economics, and the University of Oxford, where he later became an Oxford University professor. Along the way, Professor Ian Goldin examines critical issues, and his research has played a key role in shedding light on global development challenges. On top of that, he's a highly accomplished author, with 24 books published through **leading publishers** like Cambridge University Press and Princeton University Press, translated into more than 20 languages. His writing, including contributions to the Very Short Introduction series, tackles big-picture topics like the risks tied to globalisation, the future of work, and how cities are evolving. What makes his work stand out is how practical it is – it's not just for academics but also a valuable resource for policymakers, business leaders, and anyone interested in **development policy** or trying to make sense of our ever-changing world.*

Forward-Thinking Impact

Throughout his career, Professor Goldin has led the conversation on global trends and challenges, often predicting what's on the horizon before most others. His deep understanding of globalisation, technological advancements, economic development, and urbanisation has earned him a reputation as a **highly respected thinker and speaker**. From forecasting pandemics to examining shifts in global economies, such as South Africa's Olympic bid, and the management of natural resources, his work delves into the ethical and social implications of these changes, shaping the thinking of **decision-makers and influential leaders** worldwide. Goldin's impact isn't limited to academic circles. He's actively involved in advisory roles and frequently speaks at high-profile events. Collaborating with top universities, major global companies, and organisations like the OECD Development Centre, he's dedicated to *sharing practical strategies and fresh ideas to build a brighter future for future generations*. Professor Goldin explains the importance of addressing the social implications raised by emerging technologies and emphasises the critical need for risk management. His perspectives also touch on the intersections of global politics and innovation, connecting with audiences everywhere—from the [World Economic Forum](#) in Davos to millions who've watched his TED talks on topics such as the potential dangers of unchecked AI development or what he calls the “AI kill development” scenario. For the latest news on his research, publications, and upcoming events, head over to Professor Goldin's [website](#). To catch his daily thoughts and updates, make sure to follow him on Twitter @ian_goldin.

A Beacon of Knowledge and Strategy

Ian Goldin's career showcases his dedication to making sense of our ever-changing world and driving positive change on a global scale. As the founding director of a prominent institution and a former group's director at a European bank, Ian has developed a deep understanding of economic trends and the importance of a **well-crafted research and strategy agenda**. His experience also includes roles as a senior independent director and finance director, contributing to initiatives aligned with organisations like the United Nations. His insights are a valuable resource for anyone tackling today's challenges. If you're interested in having Ian share his expertise at your next event, head over to our [contact page](#) for more details!