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SPEAKER BIO



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Robert Muggah is a globally recognized specialist in international and public security, smart cities, cyber security, and climate resilience. He is co-founder and principle of the [SecDev Group](#) - a digital risk firm focused on using open source analytics and artificial intelligence to solve complex challenges. He also co-founded the [Igarapé Institute](#) - ranked the top social policy think and do tank in the world by Prospect in 2019 - and committed to evidence-based citizen, digital and climate security. Robert advises companies and organizations ranging from the EU, OECD, OSCE, NATO, UN and World Bank to Airbnb, Google, McKinseys, Meta, and Uber. He is co-owner and adviser of several technology start-ups including on issues of nature-based solutions.

For two decades Robert has advised national and municipal governments, tech companies and international organizations in over 50 countries on issues ranging from data-driven crime prevention and urban renewal to mitigating digital harms and building digital resilience. He is a fellow at Princeton University, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, the Graduate Institute in Geneva, and non-resident faculty at Singularity University. He also serves on the World Economic Forum's advisory council of the annual Global Risk Report. He has supported a range of initiatives related to the SDGs, particularly SDG16, and has been invited by the UN Secretary General to contribute to high-level panels and reports.

Robert has authored eight books and around 100 articles in peer-review journals - including most recently [Terra Incognita: 100 Maps to Survive the Next 100 Years](#) (2020, Penguin/Random House, available in 6 languages in 2021). He has also taught at several universities including the Graduate Institute in Geneva, the University of San Diego, the University of British Columbia and has lectured at others including PUC-Rio, Columbia, Harvard and Science-Po. He is a regular contributor to the Atlantic, Financial Times, Guardian, Economist, El Pais, Financial Times, Folha de São Paulo, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, New York Times, and Wired and gave TED talks in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021. Robert received his DPhil from the University of Oxford and his MPhil from IDS at the University of Sussex.



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