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Risk management frameworks were built for individual threats. When sovereign debt stress, geopolitical fracture, and monetary policy failure arrive simultaneously, those frameworks break down. The question for boards is not whether these forces will converge – it is whether leadership is positioned to act before they do.

A macroeconomist who accurately predicted the 2008 financial crisis, Nouriel Roubini – Professor Emeritus at NYU Stern and CEO of Roubini Macro Associates – helps boards and executive teams understand how overlapping structural forces compound into systemic risk before the signals become visible.

Nouriel Roubini's 2026 Biography

Why organisations work with Nouriel Roubini

- His 2006 address to the International Monetary Fund, which outlined the specific structural conditions – overleveraged housing markets, fragile credit instruments, unsustainable household debt – that caused the 2008 financial crisis before they were widely recognised, gives his risk scenarios a credibility that peer analysis rarely carries.
- The *MegaThreats* framework – the argument that ten overlapping structural forces, including sovereign debt, geopolitical rivalry, AI-driven labour displacement, and climate stress, reinforce one another – equips leadership teams to analyse compound risk rather than managing individual threats in isolation.
- As both an academic and an active strategist at Hudson Bay Capital and Atlas Capital Team, he connects macro-risk analysis to live capital allocation decisions, not retrospective commentary.
- His public-sector career spans the White House Council of Economic Advisers and the U.S. Treasury Department under Timothy Geithner, giving him a direct, lived understanding of how policymakers reason under pressure – and where their responses typically fall short.
- He is one of the few economists to have held senior roles in government, international institutions (IMF, World Bank), and active investment management simultaneously, giving boards and CFOs analysis that accounts for both how policy is made and how markets price its failure.

Biography highlights

- Professor Emeritus of Economics and International Business, NYU Stern School of Business; previously on faculty at Yale University
- Author of *MegaThreats: Ten Dangerous Trends That Imperil Our Future*,

AVAILABLE FOR

- Panel Participation
- Speaking

NOURIEL'S SPEAKING THEMES

- Economic Trends & Global Markets
- Geopolitics
- Political Risk & Policy
- Risk Management
- Scenario Planning & Strategic Foresight

LANGUAGES: English

And How to Survive Them (Little, Brown, 2022) and *Crisis Economics: A Crash Course in the Future of Finance* (Penguin Press, 2010)

- 2006 address to the International Monetary Fund accurately identified the structural vulnerabilities that precipitated the 2008 global financial crisis
- Ranked #4 on Foreign Policy's "Top 100 Global Thinkers" (2009); named among Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World (2009); multiple further appearances on Foreign Policy's annual list
- Senior Economist for International Affairs, White House Council of Economic Advisers (1998-1999); Senior Adviser to the Undersecretary for International Affairs and Director of the Office of Policy Development and Review, U.S. Treasury Department (1999-2000)
- Chairman and CEO of Roubini Macro Associates; Senior Economic Strategist at Hudson Bay Capital; Chairman of the Advisory Board, Brevan Howard Macro Venture Fund; Chief Economist and Portfolio Manager, Atlas Capital Team
- Monthly columnist for Project Syndicate; profiled by the Financial Times, New York Times Magazine, and Bloomberg; PhD in Economics, Harvard University; BA, Bocconi University

Biography

Nouriel Roubini's most consequential professional moment came at a 2006 address to the International Monetary Fund, where he outlined the structural conditions – overleveraged housing markets, fragile credit instruments, unsustainable household debt – that would produce the 2008 global financial crisis. The IMF's own economists were, by contemporaneous accounts, sceptical. Within two years, the scenario had materialised almost exactly as described.

That track record is the foundation of his authority. Roubini is a Professor Emeritus at NYU's Stern School of Business and Chairman and CEO of Roubini Macro Associates, with a career spanning the White House Council of Economic Advisers, the U.S. Treasury Department under Timothy Geithner, and advisory roles at the IMF, the World Bank, and the Federal Reserve. His academic foundation rests on a PhD in Economics from Harvard and more than 70 published papers on sovereign debt, financial crises, and international capital flows.

His 2022 book, *MegaThreats* (Little, Brown), advances a named framework for compound systemic risk. The thesis is precise: ten structural forces – sovereign debt at historic highs, geopolitical fragmentation, demographic pressure, AI-driven labour displacement, and climate stress among them – are not independent variables but mutually reinforcing ones. For organisations still using single-factor risk frameworks, the argument is a direct challenge to how they model exposure.

Alongside his academic and research work, Roubini serves as Senior Economic Strategist at Hudson Bay Capital, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Brevan Howard Macro Venture Fund, and Chief Economist at Atlas Capital Team – roles that keep his analysis connected to real capital allocation decisions rather than academic modelling alone. He is a monthly contributor to Project Syndicate and has been ranked #4 on Foreign Policy's "Top 100 Global Thinkers."

Key speaking topics

- Global macroeconomic outlook and downside risk scenarios
- Sovereign debt, fiscal dominance, and currency risk

- Geopolitical fragmentation and its economic consequences
- US-China strategic rivalry and the restructuring of global trade
- Financial crises: structural causes, policy responses, and systemic aftermath
- Inflation, monetary policy, and central bank independence
- AI, automation, and structural shifts in labour markets
- Compound systemic risk: the MegaThreats framework

Ideal for

- Boards and executive leadership teams stress-testing strategy against macro-economic disruption
- CFOs, CROs, and treasury functions making capital allocation and risk management decisions in volatile conditions
- Investment and financial services leadership – asset managers, sovereign wealth funds, pension funds – requiring rigorous macro-risk briefings
- Government, public policy, and multilateral forums addressing fiscal strategy, monetary policy, and geopolitical-economic interdependence

Audience outcomes

- A structured understanding of how macro forces – debt, geopolitics, monetary policy – interact and compound rather than operating in isolation
- Specific frameworks, drawn from the *MegaThreats* thesis, for anticipating systemic stress before it becomes visible in headline economic indicators
- Clarity on the geopolitical dynamics – particularly US-China rivalry, fiscal dominance risk, and the conditions for de-dollarisation – most likely to affect long-range strategic planning
- A more calibrated reading of central bank and government policy responses, and the structural conditions under which those responses typically fail or arrive too late
- Practical language and conceptual tools for articulating compound systemic risk to boards, investors, and regulators, beyond standard scenario planning conventions

Nouriel Roubini's 2026 talks & topics

A Changing Global Order: Chaos, Disorder, and the AI-Driven Secular Boom

Delivered as a keynote at the UEZ International Economic Summit (Istanbul, 2025), this talk examines the apparent contradiction at the centre of the current global economy: structural fragmentation and geopolitical disorder occurring in parallel with a technology-driven productivity surge, and what both mean for strategic planning.

Key takeaways:

- Why geopolitical fragmentation and AI-driven growth are simultaneous, not sequential, and what each implies for different sectors and regions

- The case for US economic exceptionalism persisting despite tariff pressure, fiscal expansion, and dollar reserve currency debate
 - How organisations should position strategy against a backdrop of structural divergence rather than a single directional forecast
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MegaThreats: The Ten Structural Risks That Compound

Drawing directly from his 2022 book, this talk frames Roubini's compound-risk thesis for corporate and investor audiences and explains why traditional risk management frameworks underestimate aggregate exposure.

Key takeaways:

- The specific mechanisms by which sovereign debt, geopolitical rivalry, AI-driven displacement, and climate stress reinforce one another
 - Why the standard practice of stress-testing individual risks in isolation systematically understates the probability of severe outcomes
 - The early structural indicators that typically precede compound macro-failure – and how to monitor them before they appear in consensus forecasts
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US Economic Outlook: Scenarios for Growth, Debt, and Market Stability

A regularly updated briefing examining US fiscal trajectory, trade policy, monetary conditions, and asset market dynamics – specifically calibrated to the current administration's policy agenda.

Key takeaways:

- The range of credible scenarios for US growth, inflation, and deficit trajectory, and the conditions that determine which materialises
- How tariff and trade policy is reshaping US-China economic relations and global supply chain positioning
- The circumstances under which bond market discipline, rather than Fed policy, could become the binding constraint on US fiscal expansion

Nouriel Roubini's Videos

