



## Alec Ross

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Alec Ross is one of the world's leading experts on [innovation](#). Author of New York Times–bestselling *The Industries of the Future*, he is currently a Distinguished Visiting Professor at The University of Bologna Business School and a Board Partner at Amplo, a global venture capital firm. He was a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Johns Hopkins University and a Senior Fellow at the Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs. During the Obama Administration, he served as Senior Advisor for [Innovation](#) to the Secretary of State, to help modernize the practice of diplomacy and advance America's foreign policy interests. He also served as the Convener for the [Technology & Media](#) Policy Committee on Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign and on the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team.

## Alec's biography

### About Alec Ross

Alec Ross is a New York Times best-selling [author](#) and Distinguished Visiting Professor at l'Università di Bologna Business School. He is the author of the recently published *The Raging 2020s: Companies, Countries, People and the Fight for Our Future*. His prior book *The Industries of the future* has been translated into 24 languages and been a best-seller on 5 continents.

He is a Board Partner at Amplo, a global venture capital firm and sits on the board of directors for companies in the fields of technology, finance, manufacturing, human capital and [cybersecurity](#).

He has served as a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Johns Hopkins University and as a Senior Fellow at the Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs.

His writing has appeared in publications including *The Wall Street Journal* and *Foreign Policy*. His academic writing has appeared as the journal cover articles in publications including the *SAIS Review of [International Affairs](#)* and the *NATO Review*.

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role created for him to help modernize the practice of diplomacy and bring innovative solutions to advance America's foreign policy interests.

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He co-founded and helped lead a [technology](#)-focused social enterprise and grew it from modest origins in a basement into a global organization serving millions of low-income people, with programs on four continents.

Among recent recognitions:

- S. Department of State Distinguished Honor Award
- Oxford University Internet & [Society](#) Award
- Top 100 Global Thinkers by Foreign Policy Magazine
- 2020 National Consumers Union, Massimiliano Dona Award

*"For his commitment on the frontier of change, his gaze to the Future and his step into the reality of a world that in order to change cannot betray the trust of consumers."*

Alec started his career as a sixth grade teacher through Teach for America in inner-city Baltimore.

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