

DR KATE BARKER

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DR KATE BARKER · BOARD ADVISOR · CHIEF
FUTURIST · AUTHOR · KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Approved Biography

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50-WORD BIO

Dr Kate Barker is the executive advisor the advisors call. She counsels heads of state, boards and global chief executives on AI transformation, policy and the psychology of leadership. A TIME100 AI Impact Award honouree, ranked the world's No.1 Chief Futurist, she teaches at MIT and is the author of *Hidden Power: Human Judgement in the AI Era*.

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100-WORD BIO

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EXTENDED BIO

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100+

Fortune 500 companies advised

6,000

executive leaders in her doctoral research

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regions: the Gulf, Europe, Asia & North America

EXECUTIVE ADVISOR TO

BCG · Bain & Company ·
McKinsey & Company

FEATURED ON

CNN · BBC · CNBC · CBS · Forbes · OECD · World Bank · SXSW · London
Business School

Awards & Recognition



Dr Kate Barker is internationally recognised for her work at the intersection of leadership, AI governance, workforce transformation and national competitiveness. Her expertise is sought by boards, governments and global institutions navigating complexity, risk and large-scale transformation.

2026

Thinkers50
Global ranking of management thinkers

2025

Global No.1 Chief Futurist
International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), United States

TIME100 AI Impact Award
TIME

2024

Gold Stevie Award
International Business Awards

Executive Coach of the Year
CEO Today Global Awards

Global Keynote Speaker of the Year,
Leadership & AI
Europe

Global Leadership in AI Award
World Innovation Congress

Lifetime Contribution to Leadership
Global Leadership Excellence Awards

Top 10 Thought Leaders in AI Safety
Global AI Ethics Institute

Top 100 Global Influencers in the Future of
Work
Future Talent Summit

Top 100 Global Women Leaders
White Page International

Top 100 Most Influential Leaders
Thinkers360 Global Rankings

Top 50 Global Voices in AI Governance
WEF Affiliated Expert Networks

Top Executive Coach (Top 10)
CEO Today Global Awards

2023

Best in Class, Leadership & Transformation
International Excellence Awards

Digital Transformation & Innovation Leader
World Congress, Dubai

Women in Leadership Excellence Award
United Kingdom

2022

Distinguished Fellow, Leadership & Technology

Speaker Introduction + Approved Titles

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Please welcome Dr Kate Barker, board advisor, Chief Futurist, author and keynote speaker, who advises boards, governments and sovereign institutions on how AI concentrates power beneath the institutions that adopt it, and on the judgement leaders must keep as decisions move to the machine.

Today, she will speak on [insert keynote title].

APPROVED TITLES

- Board Advisor
- Chief Futurist
- Author
- Keynote Speaker
- AI & Workforce Transformation Advisor

PREFERRED DESCRIPTOR

Dr Kate Barker is a Chief Futurist, author and adviser to boards and governments at sovereign scale, on the question that defines the AI era: not how fast to adopt it, but what it does to the judgement, conviction and trust on which leadership depends.

MEDIA THEMES

- Agentic AI and the accountability gap
- AI sovereignty and the race for control
- The AI productivity paradox
- Cognitive atrophy and the human drift
- Reinventing the organisation for the AI era
- AI governance at board level
- Human judgement in the AI era
- Institutional trust as the new advantage

SELECTED PLATFORMS

- World Economic Forum, Davos
- United Nations Global Futures Forum
- AI for Good Global Summit (ITU / UN)
- Bloomberg New Economy Forum
- Fortune Global Forum
- OECD Policy Forum, Paris
- Milken Institute Asia Summit
- The Economist Impact Summit
- Financial Times Future of Business Summit
- World Government Summit, Abu Dhabi
- PIF Leadership Forum, Riyadh
- NEOM Leadership Summit
- MIT Future of Work Symposium
- World AI Cannes Festival
- BRICS Urban Future Forum, Moscow
- VISION 2051 Summit, St Petersburg

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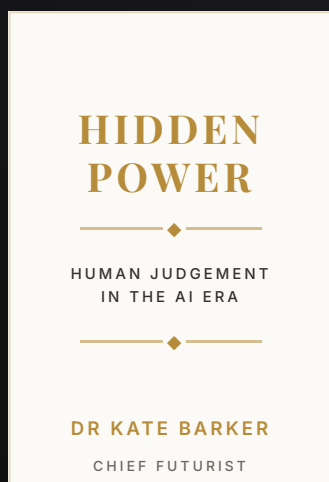
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Book, Speaking Topics + Contact

BOOK



Hidden Power: Human Judgement in the AI Era

A book exploring the human capabilities organisations sharpen, weaken or surrender as AI becomes embedded in decision-making, leadership and work.



SPEAKING TOPICS

- The AI Performance Advantage
- Agentic AI and the Accountability Gap
- When AI Joins the Executive Team
- The Human Side of AI
- The New Psychology of Work
- The 2050 Briefing
- The Human Premium
- Behind Closed Doors
- Hidden Power

MEDIA THEMES

Agentic AI and accountability · AI sovereignty and the race for control · the AI productivity paradox · human judgement in the AI era

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ENDORSEMENTS

"We brought Kate in for a view on AI strategy and left with something rarer, a clear map of where the power in our business was actually moving, and what the board still had to own. She can sit with our engineers and with our directors and change how both think in the same afternoon."

GLOBAL CEO, TECHNOLOGY

"Kate moved our conversation about AI from how fast to adopt it to who would control it, and that single shift changed where we invested and where we held back. Her judgement carries the same weight in a boardroom as it does in a room of heads of state."

**CHAIR, INVESTMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**