John Andrews

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Author of The World in Conflict
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Speaker & Moderator on Global Strategic Issues



One of the world's most experienced foreign correspondents

Professional experience

- John Andrews is a veteran political journalist and author. He is a senior editor for Project Syndicate and a contributing editor for *The Economist*, the prestigious weekly newspaper and until recently co-edited its annual, forward-looking magazine, *The World in* magazine.
- In his role as conference chairman for a variety of international conferences, and the TV interviewer for the annual World Policy Conference, he regularly interacts with prominent figures in politics, business and economics; e.g. Jean-Claude Trichet, former governor of the European Central Bank; Prince Turki Al-Faisal, former head of Saudi Arabia's intelligence agency; Lionel Zinsou, prime minister of Benin; Alassane Ouattara, president of Côte d'Ivoire; Mario Monti, former prime minister of Italy; and Elisabeth Guigou, president of the foreign affairs commission of France's Assemblée Nationale.
- Over a 25-year career with The Economist, he was one of their most experienced foreign correspondents.
 He was Deputy Editor of The World-in magazine, West Coast Editor in the USA, Paris Bureau Chief,
 Washington Correspondent, EU Correspondent, Asia Editor, China Editor, Southeast Asia Editor and
 Industry Editor making him one of most respected names in political journalism.
- He has covered the world's emerging markets, including China, Hong Kong and South East Asia and therefore written and commented on a host of key events that have unfolded over the years, bearing witness to the rise of the Asian economies and key events in the Asian region, like the tragic events of Tiananmen Square. He has also covered diverse political changes in leadership with the expansion of the European Union, the presidencies of Bill Clinton and Jacques Chirac in Washington and Paris respectively, and the political rise of Arnold Schwarzenegger, to name just a few.

Publications

- He is the author of a recently published book entitled "The World In Conflict; Understanding the world's trouble spots In The World in Conflict, (The Economist 2016) in which he tackles head-on the reasons why global conflict is ever-present, considering the causes, participants, impact and likely outcomes, and considers where, why and how new conflicts might erupt.
- He co-edited a book called Mega Change; The World in 2050, (Wiley 2012) looking at the forces of economic, political and social change shaping our future.
- John Andrews has also written two books on Asia, and co-authored a book on Europe and contributed chapters to other books, including the Encyclopedia Britannica. He has been a Hearst journalism fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication, University of Southern California.
- He wrote *The Economist Book of Isms*: From Abolitionism to Zoroastrianism a guide to more than 400 "isms" and is the author of *The Economist Pocket Asia*.





Sample assignments

- John Andrews speaks at a range of business conferences and economic gatherings. These have included The Milken Institute Global Conference, The World Policy Conference, The Second Sustainability Summit and the International Luxury Travel Market (ILTM), as well as numerous events run by Economist Conferences and by corporate clients, e.g., ArcelorMittal, Siemens.
- He speaks on topics including: *The World In* anticipating the key world events in the coming years and what they may mean for all of us, The future of Europe and prospects for the Euro, and The World in Conflict: how conflicts arise and will continue to.
- He is an engaging and effective chairman whose moderating skills have been honed over many years of involvement in business conferences and debates for *The Economist*.

John Andrews - Personal bio-data

- As West Coast editor, based in Los Angeles, John Andrews covered the recall of California's Governor Gray Davis, the mixed fortunes of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and policy issues for the western states such as immigration, urban development and the environment.
- As Paris bureau chief, John Andrews reported on the scandal-stained French presidency of Jacques Chirac, the rise of the far-right Front National and the travails first of the Socialist-led government under Lionel Jospin and then of the conservatives under Jean-Pierre Raffarin and Dominique de Villepin.
- As Washington correspondent, he covered much of the Clinton second term, analysing American politics and society in the news pages and the Lexington column.
- As the European Union correspondent, based in Brussels, John Andrews covered the E.U.'s expansion; its attempts to forge common financial, commercial and diplomatic policies; and the acrimonious relationship between Britain and its continental E.U. partners.
- As Asia editor, based in London, he oversaw The *Economist's* coverage of the Asian economic boom—and of the corruption and illusions that accompanied it.
- As China editor, based in Hong Kong, he spent several weeks in Beijing reporting the events—at first inspiring and finally tragic—of Tiananmen Square.
- As South-East Asia correspondent, he covered the repeated attempts from left and right to overthrow the Philippines' fledgling democracy under Cory Aquino, and interviewed leading politicians of the region, such as Lee Kuan Yew, founding father of modern Singapore, and the future president of Indonesia, B.J. Habibie.
- John Andrews began his career with *The Economist* as industry editor, responsible for the magazine's coverage of airline and telecoms deregulation in the U.S. and privatisation in Mrs Thatcher's Britain.
- Before joining *The Economist*, John Andrews spent six years with the Guardian and led the paper's coverage of OPEC during its 1979–82 heyday.
- Prior to joining the Guardian, he spent seven years in the Arab world, first as an academic in Libya and Lebanon and then as a journalist. He worked for America's NBC News covering the Middle East peace shuttle of Henry Kissinger and the first year of the Lebanese civil war. As a resident of the region and subsequently as a visitor, he interviewed leading personalities such as Muammar Gadhafy, Yasser Arafat and Ezer Weitzman.
- He obtained a postgraduate certificate in education from London University.
- He graduated in Classical and Modern Arabic from Cambridge University.
- John Andrews speaks fluent French and Arabic.

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