

Vivek Wadhwa

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Called “Silicon Valley’s most provocative voice” for his ideas on technology trends, globalization, US competitiveness, and the future, Vivek Wadhwa’s work puts him at the heart of innovation. From tech entrepreneur and business owner to accomplished academic and widely published author, he served as a Stanford University research fellow and the Director of Research at Duke University’s Pratt School of Engineering, where he taught courses on the impact of technology. Vivek Wadhwa now serves as a Distinguished Fellow and professor at Carnegie Mellon University’s engineering school in the heart of Silicon Valley. Formerly, he led research at Singularity University, an institution that educates a select group of leaders about the exponentially growing technologies that are soon going to change our world.

Vivek has also been a senior research associate at Harvard Law School, a visiting scholar at UC-Berkeley, and a distinguished visiting scholar at Emory University. He is the author of the 2018 book, *Your Happiness Was Hacked: Why Tech is Winning the Battle to Control Your Brain—and How to Fight Back*. His 2017 book, *The Driver in the Driverless Car*, looks at the impact of automation and AI on business, and was recognized by *Financial Times* as one of the “Best Business Books of 2017” and listed as a contender for the *Financial Times/McKinsey Business Book of the Year* prize.

Known for pioneering change and innovation, Wadhwa’s speeches offers a look into how exponentially advancing technologies including robotics, artificial intelligence (AI), computing, synthetic biology, 3D-printing, and nanomaterials will change our world, disrupt entire industries, and create new ones. As it is increasingly possible for small teams to complete work once reserved for governments and large corporations, Wadhwa also focuses on the keys to the US remaining competitive and solving grand challenges in the face of the rapid transformation shaping business in India, China, and Latin America.

An advisor to governments and successful entrepreneurs alike, Wadhwa previously founded two influential software companies, prompting *Forbes* to name him a “Leader of Tomorrow” and *Fortune* to declare his start-up Relativity one of the “25 coolest companies in the world.” In addition to his media accolades, the US government awarded Wadhwa distinguished recognition as an “Outstanding American by Choice,” and he was named a “Top 100 Global Thinker” by *Foreign Policy Magazine*. In 2013, *TIME* magazine listed him as one of the “40 Most Influential Minds in Tech.”

Wadhwa is also the author of the book, *The Immigrant Exodus: Why America Is Losing the Global Race to Capture Entrepreneurial Talent*, which *The Economist* named as a “Book of the Year” in 2012, and *Innovating Women: The Changing Face of Technology*. He is a syndicated columnist for *The Washington Post* and a contributor to *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Huffington Post*, and *VentureBeat*. He has been featured in *The Economist*, *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Science Magazine*, among others, and has appeared on US and international TV stations, including CBS, PBS, CNN, ABC, NBC, CNBC, and BBC. In 2016, he accepted an honorary professorship at University Ricardo Palma of Lima in Peru, placing him closer to the booming entrepreneur community in Latin America.