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From the Frontlines: Making Sense of Geopolitics Today. Among the world's most influential geopolitical experts, Meghan O'Sullivan has advised the nation's highest-ranking leaders on complex global matters. Governments, corporations, and organizations across the globe continue to seek out her counsel as they work to develop solutions to today's top issues in international relations. In this sweeping talk, she engages the audience with frontline insights on today's top geopolitical topics — from the U.S-China dynamic to the energy and climate crisis to instability and war in Europe to the rise of new world powers. She relates the subject matter back to audience members and their organizations, illustrating how shifts in foreign policy, national security, and global markets impact business and society in both the short and long term.

The New Geopolitics of Energy and Climate. Called “one of the century's most influential people,” Meghan O'Sullivan is a geopolitical insider whose advisement is sought out by world leaders, global organizations, and businesses across industries as they look to adapt to the geopolitical factors that are reshaping society. Dr. O'Sullivan is particularly versed in the geopolitics of energy and the transition away from fossil fuels, sharing her knowledge in the media and in her award-winning book, *Windfall: How the New Energy Abundance Opens Global Politics and Strengthens America's Power*. In this talk, Dr. O'Sullivan underscores why and how the coming energy transition will be the biggest geopolitical risk in the coming decades. She explains how this shift toward cleaner energy is remaking the global landscape for businesses and governments alike and offers a new lens through which to view the unfolding of global affairs.

The Global Impact of China, Russia, and India. Russia, China, and India remain at the center of the geopolitical landscape and are expected to be major players on the world's stage for the foreseeable future. In this talk, geopolitical expert Meghan O'Sullivan discusses the political and economic dynamics that Russia, China, and India bring to global affairs and the impact on business and society in every corner of the world. Able to break down multi-layered geopolitical issues in a way that brings the insights most relevant to the audience to light, she addresses the role these countries play in shaping the global markets, analyzes their relationships with the United States and other major powers, and talks through the possible implications of their growing assertiveness in international affairs.