

Vijay V. Vaitheeswaran
Correspondent, *The Economist*
Author of *Zoom* and *Power to the People*

Speaker on Innovation, Energy and the Environment



Professional Experience

- Vijay Vaitheeswaran is an award-winning correspondent for *The Economist* who has just become the China Business Editor, based in Shanghai, whose editorial responsibilities range from business and finance to science, technology and innovation. He previously covered global health and biotechnology, innovation, energy and the environment.
- Trained as an engineer from MIT, Vijay is at the very forefront of thinking and debate about technological innovations that will enable us to tackle the world's 21st century challenges across a number of industries such as automotive, energy, healthcare and biotechnology
- Vijay has built up a tremendous reputation as a speaker, both in terms of his content but also the delivery of his presentations, engaging with audiences across the world
- He is equally sought-after for his formidable chairing and moderating skills, always guaranteeing a suitably robust discussion on the relevant issues and leaving audiences stimulated and very much better educated
- Vijay is also an advisor to the World Economic Forum (*Davos*) on clean energy innovation and also serves as a life member at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is also an advisor to the Clinton Global Initiative
- He is also a faculty member of NYU's Stern Business School

Publishing and media

- Vijay's latest book, *ZOOM: The Global Race to Fuel the Car of the Future*, co-authored Iain Carson, was named Book of the Year by the *Financial Times*
- He is also the author of *Power to the People*, described by Harvard professor and Nobel-winner John Holdren, as being "by far the most helpful, entertaining, up-to-date and accessible treatment of the energy-economy-environment problematique available."
- His writings have received various prizes in America and elsewhere, including honors from Britain's Business Journalist of the Year Awards and the International Association of Energy Economists
- Author of *The Economist* special report on Innovation (Oct 2007)
- A regular commentator on NPR and Marketplace radio, and a frequent guest on the BBC, PBS's *News Hour*, ABC's *Nightline*
- A regular commentator and in print media NPR, in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times* and with other media

Speaking engagements

- Vijay has been a keynote speaker and panel chairman at events organised by the US National Governors' Association, the Clinton Global Initiative, Google, BP, the World Wildlife Fund and many other groups.
- He has delivered lectures at distinguished universities including Yale, Oxford and Stanford.
- He has chaired a number of Economist Conferences roundtables and participated in a number of topical debates hosted by *The Economist* and economist.com.

Vijay Vaitheeswaran – bio data

- His current portfolio encompasses China business, finance, science & technology, having recently covered global health, biotechnology and innovation
- 1998-2006 he covered the politics, economics, business and technology of energy and the environment
- Opened *The Economist's* first Latin America office in Mexico City and served as bureau chief until 1997
- Joined the editorial team of *The Economist* in 1992 as the London-based Latin America correspondent
- Graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he was named a Truman Scholar during his university studies by the US Congress, earning a degree in mechanical engineering.
- Born in Madras, India and grew up in Cheshire, Connecticut, currently living in Shanghai

Vijay Vaitheeswaran is a stimulating, engaging and provocative speaker. He is comfortable and relaxed in front of an audience, but consummately professional.

Professor **Kelly Sims Gallagher**, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Vijay comes in as one of the leading energy experts in the world. His entrepreneurial and investigative drive makes his presentations appealing to a large audience - whether experts, opinion leaders or the broader public, Vijay understands well how to share his Energy development views in a dynamic and leading manner that makes the floor feel more intelligent and informed than ever before

Stephan Albrechtskirchinger, Director, World Energy Council

Superb stage presence. The substantive expertise and intellectual clarity so evident in his writing helps make him a superb speaker.

David Sandalow, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution & Chair, Energy & Climate Working Group, Clinton Global Initiative

