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## about

Bill Emmott is an independent writer and consultant, widely recognized for his expertise in global political and economic affairs. He has extensive experience as a journalist, author, and advisor, as well as his leadership roles in international think tanks and educational organizations.

He spent 26 years at ***The Economist***, which he joined in 1980, working as a correspondent and editor in Brussels, Tokyo and London, on subjects ranging from politics to finance, economics and business. In 1993, he was appointed **Editor-in-Chief**, a post he held for 13 years before stepping down in 2006.

He is Chairman of the Trustees of the **International Institute for Strategic Studies**, a Trustee of the **Chester Beatty Museum** in Dublin, an Ushioda Fellow of Tokyo College, **University of Tokyo**, Chair of **Global Disinformation Index**, a media fellow at the **Institute for European Policymaking** at Bocconi university in Milan and is a Member of the **Comitato Scientifico of the Centro Einaudi** in Turin. He is also Senior Advisor, Geopolitics for **Montrose Associates**, the London-based strategic intelligence consultancy.



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Bill was a Member of the Advisory Board of the **Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism** in 2016-2018; a member of **Swiss Re's Panel of Advisors** in 2006-19; and was a member of the Senior Advisory Panel of **Critical Resource**, a consultancy.

Past roles include Chairman of the **Japan Society**, from 2019-24; Chairman of the Trustees of the **London Library** from 2009-15; Group Economic Advisor for **Stonehage Fleming**, a fund manager, in 2011-15; Board Director of **The Economist Group** from 1993 until 2006; Non-executive Director of **Development Consultants International**, a Dublin-based company, from 2006-09; an Independent Director of **eAccess**, a Japanese mobile telecoms company in 2009-10; Chairman of **Peerindex**, an internet start-up, from 2010-13; Chair of **Trade Advisers Ltd**, an Advisor to the **University of Tokyo** and **Critical Resource Ltd**. He was also Visiting Professor at **Shujitsu University** in Okayama, Japan in 2012-18 and Member of the advisory panel of the **All Nippon Airways UK** in 2010-16.

He has also been a **Member of the Executive Committee** of the **Trilateral Commission**, and was **Chairman of the Content Board** at **Ofcom**, the UK's media and communications regulator.



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## achievements

In 2016 the Japanese government awarded Bill Emmott the “*Order of the Rising Sun: Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon*” for services to UK-Japan relations.

In 2009 he received the **Gerald Loeb “lifetime achievement” award**, a prestigious American business journalism awards programme organised by the Anderson School of Management at UCLA.

In 2006-07, Bill received **four journalism awards** in Britain: a **special award** from the Wincott Foundation; the “**business journalist of the year**” award from the London Press Club; the “**decade of excellence**” award from the World Leadership Forum’s business journalism awards programme; and a “**lifetime achievement**” award from the Work Foundation.

In 2003, Bill was chosen by a jury of senior Italian journalists as the **winner of the “È giornalismo”** (“This is journalism”) **award**, the first time a foreigner had been given this prestigious Italian journalism prize.

Emmott has **honorary degrees** from **Warwick, City** and **Northwestern Universities**, and is an **honorary fellow** of **Magdalen College**, Oxford.





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## speaking topics

### 1. **Global Economics & Geopolitics**

- Analysis of major global shifts, including political and economic developments.
- Understanding and navigating uncertainty in international affairs.
- The future of liberal democracies and challenges posed by populism and authoritarianism.

### 2. **Rise of Asia and Regional Dynamics**

- The economic and political transformation of Asia, especially China, Japan, and India.
- Security, deterrence, and geopolitical risks in East Asia, including Japan's evolving role and tensions around Taiwan.

### 3. **Future of Europe and the European Union**

- The outlook for Europe, with a focus on Italy, the Euro, and the broader European project.
- Implications of European political and economic changes for global stability.

### 4. **Business strategy in a Globalized World**

- How businesses can adapt and thrive amid radical uncertainty and geopolitical risk.
- Strategic decision-making in a rapidly changing world.

### 5. **Societal Transformation & Leadership**

- The Fate of the West: Evaluating the challenges and future of liberal democracies.
- Leadership in Times of Crisis: Drawing lessons from historical and contemporary leaders.



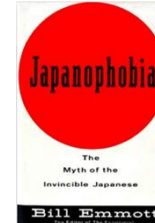
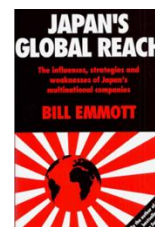
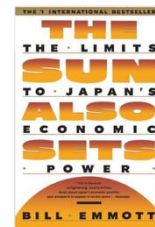
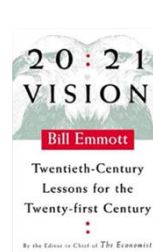
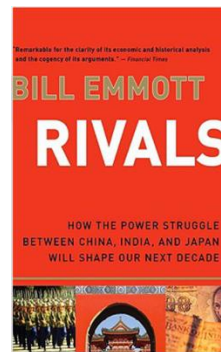
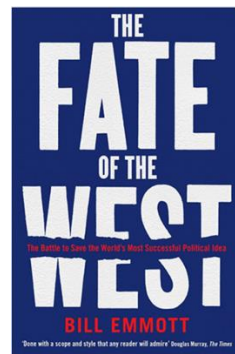
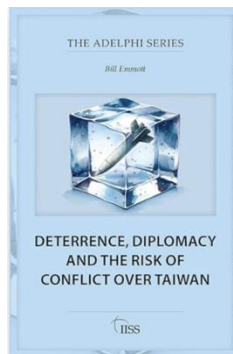
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## books

Bill writes regular columns on international affairs for **La Stampa** in Italy, and **Nikkei Business** and **Mainichi Shimbun** in Japan, and occasional book reviews for the **Financial Times**.

He is the **author of 14 books** and compilation of **articles** on Japan, Asia, Italy and the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Some of his latest have been: “**The Fate of the West: The Battle to Save the World’s Most Successful Political Idea**”, published in 2017; “**Japan’s Far More Female Future**”, published first in Japanese by Nikkei in July 2019 and then in English by Oxford University Press in September 2020; and, “**Deterrence, Diplomacy and the Risk of Conflict over Taiwan**”, which was published in July 2024, in English and in Japanese as “**How to Stop World War Three**”.



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## key facts

Currently ...

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- [Author](#) of [14 books](#)
- Professional [speaker](#) and [moderator](#)

Formerly ...

- Co-director, Global Commission for [Post-Pandemic Policy](#)
- Chairman, [International Trade Institute](#)
- Chair, [Trinity College Dublin](#) Long Room Hub Research Institute for Arts & Humanities
- Chair & Co-founder, [The Wake Up Foundation](#)
- Visiting Fellow, [All Souls College](#), Oxford
- Chairman, [The London Library](#)
- Chair, [Japan Society](#) of the UK
- Chairman, [Peerindex](#)
- Editor-in-Chief, [The Economist](#)
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