



What does India's rise as an emerging power mean for the United States and the world? Will India be a counterweight to China on the world stage, or will India and China find common ground despite tensions over their disputed border? Kishore Mahbubani, former ambassador of Singapore to the United Nations and author of multiple books on global geopolitics, speaks with the India Policy Initiative on India's relations with the United States, China, and the Global South. Drawing on his extensive experience at the United Nations, Mahbubani shares his insights on India's opportunities at the multilateral level. He sheds light on how recent domestic trends in India may shape India's engagement with the world and why India is likely to seek a space for itself as an independent player rather than ally with any major power.





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