



## Eamonn Kelly

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TOPIC: The Future

SUBTOPICS: Innovation; Global Policy and Economics; Security; Leadership and Management; Environment and Climate; Business Strategy

### BIG IDEAS:

#### Five Centuries of the Future

In this rapid tour of history, Eamonn describes how many of today's major political, social, and economic issues are rooted in perceptions of history which shape our assumptions about the world's future. Global changes, involving climate, the rise of economic and innovation centers outside of the West, as well as cultural conflicts present many challenges for society to solve--and many assumptions for leaders and decision-makers to reassess.

#### Powerful Times

We're not just living through an "age of change." We're experiencing a change of age: the most profound inflection point in human history since the Enlightenment. In this remarkable

presentation based on his book of the same name, Eamonn weaves together seven powerful "dynamic tensions" that will fundamentally reshape human life in the coming decades. From terrorism and nuclear proliferation to emerging technologies that could change the nature of humanity to the rise of new and innovative economic powers. Whether you are an executive, strategist, entrepreneur, policymaker, or citizen, this session delivers actionable insights to help you understand and prepare for what's coming and to transform this moment of uncertainty and complexity into unprecedented opportunity.

## BIOGRAPHY

Eamonn Kelly sits at the forefront of exploring the emergence of a new economic, social, and geopolitical order and its far-reaching consequences for organizations and individuals.

A Partner at Monitor Group, Eamonn leads the firm's network, thought leadership, and marketing initiatives. For 10 years previously, he served as CEO and president of Global Business Network (GBN), the renowned futures network and scenario strategy consultancy. He has developed insights, tools, and methodologies for mastering uncertainty and has consulted to dozens of the world's leading corporations in many sectors, including healthcare, energy, telecommunications, transportation, financial services, manufacturing, computing, professional services, and consumer goods. Eamonn has also worked with key global and national public agencies, as well as several major philanthropic foundations. Prior to joining GBN, Eamonn was head of strategy at Scottish Enterprise, one of the world's most respected development agencies, where he led the creation of effective strategies for economic and social development in a new era.

In his highly acclaimed book, *Powerful Times: Rising to the Challenge of Our Uncertain World*, Eamonn weaves together seven powerful "dynamic tensions" that will fundamentally reshape human life in the coming decades. He offers

breakthrough insights into how these tensions will conflict and interact to create huge waves of change beyond anything society has experienced previously. Additionally, Eamonn co-authored *What's Next: Exploring the New Terrain for Business* and *The Future of the Knowledge Economy*.

Eamonn studied drama, sociology, and economics at the University of Glasgow, and also holds an MBA from Strathclyde University.