

Anja Manuel Biography



Former diplomat, author, and advisor on foreign policy, Anja Manuel is Co-Founder and Partner along with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, former National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley and former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, in Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel LLC, a strategic consulting firm that helps US companies navigate international markets.

Anja is the author of the critically acclaimed [This Brave New World: India, China and the United States](#), published by Simon and Schuster in 2016, and numerous articles and papers.

She is the Director of the Aspen Strategy Group and Aspen Security Forum -- a premier bi-partisan forum on foreign policy in the U.S.

From 2005-2007, she served as an official at the U.S. Department of State, as Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns, responsible for Asia policy.

Earlier in her career, Anja was an attorney at WilmerHale working on Supreme Court and international cases, and represented clients before the US Congress, Supreme Court, Department of Justice, Department of Defense, and the SEC. She began her career as an investment banker at Salomon Brothers in London.

A *cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School and Stanford University, Manuel also lectured and was a research affiliate at Stanford University from 2009-2019, teaching courses on US Foreign Policy in Asia and Technology Policy.

Anja is a frequent speaker on foreign policy and technology policy, is a commentator for tv and radio (NBC/MSNBC, Bloomberg News, Fox Business, BBC, NPR, etc.), and writes for publications ranging from the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Atlantic*, *Fortune*, and *Newsweek*, among others.

Anja currently serves on two corporate boards: *Ripple Labs Inc.*, a leading blockchain payments company, and *Overseas Shipping Group, Inc.*, a NYSE-listed transportation company. Manuel has also served on advisory boards of Care.com, Center for a New American Security, Flexport Inc., Synapse Inc., and the boards of the National Committee on US-China Relations, American Ditchley Foundation, and formerly Governor Brown's California Export Council, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

She lives in San Francisco with her husband and two children.