



## Megacity Security Conference

### Speaker and Participant Bios

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Tuesday, November 23, 2015  
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#### **Gov. John M. Huntsman, Jr.**

*Former Governor of Utah; Former Ambassador to China; Chairman, Atlantic Council*



Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. is Chairman of the Atlantic Council Board of Directors. He began his career in public service as a Staff Assistant to President Ronald Reagan. He has served each of the four US presidents since then in critical roles around the world, including as Ambassador to Singapore, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia, US Trade Ambassador, and most recently, US Ambassador to China. In all three Senate confirmations, he received unanimous votes. Twice elected Governor of Utah, Governor Huntsman brought about strong economic reforms, tripled the state's rainy day fund, and helped bring unemployment rates to historic lows. During his tenure, Utah was named the best managed state in America. Recognized by others for his service, Governor Huntsman was elected as Chairman of the Western Governors Association, serving nineteen states throughout the region. He currently serves on the boards of Ford Motor Company, Caterpillar Corporation, Chevron Corporation, Huntsman Corporation, the US Naval Academy Foundation, and the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, he serves as a Distinguished Fellow at the Brookings Institute, a Trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a Trustee of the Reagan Presidential Foundation, and Chairman of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Governor Huntsman has served as a Visiting Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government as well as a Distinguished Lecturer at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. He was recently inducted into the American Academy of Diplomacy. Governor Huntsman is the father of seven children, including two adopted daughters from China and India. His two sons are midshipmen at the US Naval Academy, where his oldest son was selected as a Naval Aviator. Governor Huntsman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and has eight honorary Doctoral degrees.

#### **Ambassador Richard Verma**

*US Ambassador to India, US Department of State*



Ambassador Richard Verma serves as the twenty-fifth United States Ambassador to India. He was formerly nominated by President Obama in 2009 to serve as the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs at the US Department of State, a position he held until March 2011. From 2009 to 2011, he served as a Principal Adviser to Secretary Clinton. He led the State Department's budget and policy efforts on Capitol Hill, handled more than two hundred Senate confirmations, and managed several major congressional investigations. He was also the administration's lead negotiator with Congress on Iran sanctions and the ratification of the new START Treaty. He most recently served as a Senior Counselor at both Steptoe & Johnson and the Albright Stonebridge Group, where his practice focused on international law and global regulatory compliance. Earlier in his career, Ambassador Verma served in the Senate as the Senior National Security Advisor to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. He also worked in the US House of Representatives for Defense Appropriations Committee Chairman Jack Murtha.



Formerly a Country Director for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in Eastern Europe, Ambassador Verma was a Senior National Security Fellow at the Center for American Progress, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and served on the boards of the Clinton Foundation, Human Rights First, and the National Democratic Institute. Ambassador Verma served on active duty in the US Air Force from 1994 to 1998. He received his LLM with distinction from Georgetown University Law Center, and his JD cum laude from American University's Washington College of Law. He holds a BS from Lehigh University.

### **Shri C Vidyasagar Rao**

*Governor, Maharashtra*



Shri V.S. Rao took charge as Governor of Maharashtra in August 2014, and brings with him a vast and varied experience in public life. A senior Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) leader from Telangana, Shri Rao has served as Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and subsequently as Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry in the government led by Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee from 1999 to 2004. He was elected to the twelfth Lok Sabha from Karimnagar constituency in 1998 for the first time. In the year 1999, he was elected as President of the State unit of the BJP. Shri Rao was reelected to the thirteenth Lok Sabha in 1999. Prior to becoming a Member of Parliament, he was elected multiple times to the Legislative Assembly of undivided Andhra Pradesh in 1985, 1989, and 1994 from Metpalli assembly constituency in Karimnagar district. He was the Floor leader of BJP in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly for three consecutive terms. Shri Rao also served as President of Jan Sangh, and as President of Janata Party, Karimnagar district.

### **Shri M Venkaiah Naidu**

*Honorable Minister of Urban Development & Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India*



Shri M Venkaiah Naidu is the Minister of Urban Development and Parliamentary Affairs in the Bhahariya Janaat Party (BJP). He launched his political career in his youth when he gained prominence as an orator who vigorously championed the farmers' cause, and the improvement of underdeveloped areas. Shri Naidu has held multiple political positions within the BJP including: Secretary of the BJP Parliamentary Board, Secretary of the BJP Central Election Committee, Spokesperson of the BJP, Minister of Rural Development, National Vice President of the BJP, and the National President of the BJP. Following his passion, Shri Naidu created a social organization, Swarna Bharath Trust, in Nellore, which serves the poor and needy.



**Shri Jayant Sinha**

*Minister of Finance, Government of India*



Shri Jayant Sinha became India's Minister of Finance in 2014. Shri Sinha has served as the President of Internet Business Capital Corporation in addition to serving in consulting positions at Stone & Webster and Synergic Resources Corporation. He also served as Managing Director and Partner at Omidyar Network, leading overall investment strategy and operations in India and helping Omidyar Network manage and develop their India-based portfolio including access to capital and media, markets, and transparency initiatives. He served as the Managing Director of Courage Capital Management, LLC, where he led technology and India-related investing for a global special situations hedge fund. Prior to joining Courage Capital in 2006, Shri Sinha spent twelve years with McKinsey & Company as a Partner. During his career with McKinsey, he led a variety of strategic, operational, and transaction-related projects with corporations in North America, Europe, and India. Shri Sinha has been a Director of Aspiring Minds Assessment Pvt. Ltd. since 2011 and D.light Design Inc. since 2010. He serves as a Director of Puja Holdings LLC, Ver se Innovation Private Limited, iMerit Technology Services Pvt. Ltd., and Omidyar Network India Advisors Private Limited. He served as a Non-Executive Director of STCI Finance Limited and of Tree House Education & Accessories Limited. He has more than twenty years of experience in investing and strategy consulting as well as a deep understanding of managing investments and advising businesses in India. Shri Sinha received an MBA with distinction from the Harvard Business School, an MS in Energy Management and Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BTech in Chemical Engineering with distinction from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

**Shri Devendra Fadnavis**

*Chief Minister, Maharashtra*



Shri Devendra Fadnavis is the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. He was President of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), which is the youth wing of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Maharashtra. Shri Fadnavis held multiple positions within the BJP including: Nagpur President of the BJYM, National Vice President of the BJYM, the General Secretary of the BJP in Maharashtra, and President of the BJP in Maharashtra. Throughout his career, he has received the Best Parliamentarian Award from 2002 to 2003, Best Speaker Award in the National Inter University Debate, the Most Challenging Youth Regional Award, and the Bose Prize in Hindu Law. Shri Fadnavis graduated from the Government Law College in Nagpur where he received a degree in Law.



**The Hon. Jane Lute**

*President and CEO, Council on Cyber Security*



The Hon. Jane Lute is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Cyber Security, responsible for the overall direction and activities of the organization. She most recently served as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As the Department's Chief Operating Officer, she was responsible for the day-to-day management of the Department's efforts to prevent terrorism and enhance security, secure and manage the nation's borders, administer and enforce US immigration laws, strengthen national resilience in the face of disasters, and ensure the nation's cybersecurity. From 2003 to 2009, she served as Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) and established the Department of Field Support, responsible for comprehensive on-the-ground support to UN peace operations worldwide, including rapid-response efforts in support of development and humanitarian operations and crises. She also served as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding, responsible for coordinating efforts on behalf of the Secretary General to build sustainable peace in countries emerging from violent conflict. Prior to joining the UN, she was Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of the United Nations Foundation and the Better World Fund. From 1994 to 2000, she worked with David A. Hamburg, former President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and Cyrus Vance, former US Secretary of State, on the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, a global initiative that pioneered the cause of conflict prevention. She served on the National Security Council staff under both President George H.W. Bush and President William Jefferson Clinton and had a distinguished career in the United States Army, including service in the Gulf during Operation Desert Storm. She has a PhD in political science from Stanford University and a JD from Georgetown University.

**Shri R K Singh**

*Former Member of Parliament, Former Home Secretary, Government of India*



Shri R K Singh began his political career as the District Magistrate in East Champaran and Patna in the 1980s and joined the State Home Department in 1997. He held the position of Principal Secretary in the Road Construction Department, playing an important role in improving the condition of roads in Bihar. Shri Singh was also the Union Home Secretary of India from 2011 to 2013. He is currently a Member of Parliament of Bharatiya Janta Party from Arrah, Bihar.



**Dr. Rohan Gunaratna**

*Professor of Security Studies, Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore*



Dr. Rohan Gunaratna is a Professor of Security Studies at the Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technology University, and Head of International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, Singapore. He received his Master's from the University of Notre Dame in the United States where he was a Hesburgh Scholar, and received his Doctorate from the University of St. Andrews in the United Kingdom where he was a British Chevening Scholar. A former Senior Fellow at the Combating Terrorism Centre at the United States Military Academy at West Point and at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Dr. Gunaratna was invited to testify on the structure of al-Qaeda before the 9/11 Commission. He is the author of fifteen books including *Inside al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror* (University of Columbia Press), in which Dr. Gunaratna interviewed terrorists and insurgents in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and other conflict zones. For advancing international security cooperation, Dr. Gunaratna received the Major General Ralph H. Van Deman Award in June 2014.

**The Hon. David Heyman**

*Former Assistant Secretary of Policy, US Department of Homeland Security*



The Hon. David Heyman recently stepped down after five years as Assistant Secretary of Policy for the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). At DHS, he was part of the senior management team, with broad responsibilities in policy development, risk analysis, and strategic planning across all five mission areas: counterterrorism, border security, immigration, cybersecurity, and building national resilience to disasters. He was the chief architect of a number of domestic, bilateral, and global initiatives to strengthen US security and prosperity, including leading the development of the nation's first and second Quadrennial Homeland Security Reviews (QHSR), as well as national strategies and worldwide efforts to bolster aviation and global supply chain security following the 2009 and 2010 attempted terrorist attacks. He also oversaw and coordinated the Department's international affairs. His career has included extensive service in national security and international affairs. He has worked in senior staff positions at the White House, the US Department of Energy, and the US Department of Homeland Security. Prior to entering government, he worked as a computer systems software engineer, and was the head of international operations for a firm developing and deploying industrial automation, robotics, and supply-chain management systems for Fortune 100 companies.

**Mr. David Cohen**

*Former Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence, New York City Police Department*



Mr. David Cohen brings over four decades of government experience from leadership positions at both the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as well as the New York City Police Department (NYPD). He served as the first Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence for the NYPD. During his career in the Federal Government, Mr. Cohen served as Deputy Director of Operations for the Central Intelligence Agency where he led the National Clandestine Services. At the CIA, Mr. Cohen also served as the Associate Deputy Director for the Directorate of Intelligence where he oversaw the analysis and dissemination of foreign

intelligence. Earlier in his career, he worked as the Deputy Director of the Office of Global Issues and as the Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Research. He also served in the Office of Research and Reports as well as the Office of Economic Research.

**Shri BS Bassi**

*Commissioner of Police, New Delhi*



Shri BS Bassi became the Commissioner of Police, New Delhi in 2013. Previously, Shri Bassi served as the Special Commissioner of Police in Administration, and prior to that, as the Special Commissioner of Police in Traffic. Shri Bassi has held roles including Director General of Police of the Goa Police, and the Inspector General of Police of the Chandigarh Police. Shri Bassi graduated from the Shri Ram College of Commerce of the University of Delhi with a degree in Commerce. Following that, he completed a degree in Law Studies.

**Dr. Alok Bansal**

*Director, India Foundation*



Dr. Alok Bansal is a Director of the India Foundation. He also serves as the Executive Director of the South Asian Institute for Strategic Affairs (SAISA). Previously, he was a Visiting Professor at Jamia Millia Islamia University and Executive Director of the National Maritime Foundation (NMF). He has worked with the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) and the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS). He is the author of *Balochistan in Turmoil: Pakistan at Cross Roads* (2009), and has coedited several other books.

**Dr. Peter Engelke**

*Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council*



Dr. Peter Engelke is a Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council's Strategic Foresight Initiative. Dr. Engelke's project work at the Council examines how global trends are shaping US national security and the transatlantic alliance, how rapid global urbanization is shifting the global governance challenge, how technological changes are altering labor markets in Europe and the United States, and how global trends are affecting food, water, and energy security in Africa. Dr. Engelke was previously a Visiting Fellow with the Stimson Center's Environmental Security Program. Formerly, he was on the research faculty at the Georgia Tech Research Institute, where he authored his first book, a study of public health and urban form. He is also a former Bosch Fellow with the Robert Bosch Stiftung in Stuttgart, Germany. In 2011, Dr. Engelke received a PhD in history from Georgetown University. While there, he coauthored his second book, a global environmental history from 1945 to 2013. He holds additional graduate degrees from Indiana University, the University of Maryland, and from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.



**Dr. Ian Klaus**

*Member, Policy Planning Staff, US Department of State Policy Planning Staff*



Dr. Ian Klaus joined the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff in December 2011. His portfolio includes international organizations, countering violent extremism, energy security, and public diplomacy. Formerly, he was an Ernest May Fellow for history and strategic studies at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. He received his BA from Washington University in St. Louis, his MA from Oxford University, and his PhD from Harvard University.

**Mr. Gerardo Gonzalez**

*Former Director General of C4, Government of Mexico City*



Mr. Gerardo Gonzalez previously served as the General Manager of the Center for Attention to Emergencies and Civil Protects of Mexico City (C4- Center of Command, Control, and Communications). Prior to his current position, Mr. Gonzalez was the Executive Management and Implementation Coordinator at the Center for Attention to Emergencies and Civil Projects of Mexico City. In 2008, Mr. Gonzalez became the Chief Operating Office of the Bicentennial Project in the Secretary of Police Force. He also held the position of Chief Operating Office for the Call Center Proventel. Mr. Gonzalez's career includes many accomplishments such as reducing the crime rate, reducing emergency response time, and integrating all emergency services and police elements of security and investigation.

**Shri Satyapal Singh**

*Member of Parliament, Government of India; Former Police Commissioner of Mumbai*



Shri Satyapal Singh first started as the Assistant Superintendent of Police of Nasik. Following that post, he became the Superintendent of Police of Buldhana. Prior to being appointed Police Chief of Mumbai, Shri Singh was Maharashtra's Additional Director General of Police. He also served as the Joint Commissioner of Police in Crime in Mumbai. Shri Singh is recognized for breaking the backbone of the organized crime syndicates that terrorized Mumbai during the 1990s. In 2014, Shri Singh joined politics, and was elected as MP-Lok Sabha of Bharatiya Janta Party from Bagpat, UP.



**Commander Michael Williams**

*Assistant Commanding Officer, Los Angeles Police Department*

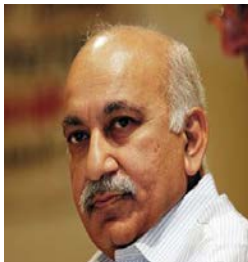


Commander Michael Williams is the Assistant Commanding Officer of Counterterrorism and Special Operations Bureau for the Los Angeles Police Department. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1978, and has served for over thirty-seven years, with a varied law enforcement background. Some of his operational assignments include Southeast Hollywood Patrol Division, Pacific Area Vice, Organized Crime Division, Metropolitan Division, West Bureau CRASH (Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums), Southwest Area Homicide, Air Support Division, and Special Investigation Section. Prior to his current position, Commander Williams was assigned as the Commanding Officer, Gang, and Operations Support Division, North Hollywood Patrol Division, and Air Support Division. He earned his Bachelor's in Public Administration from La Verne College.

Additionally, Commander Williams is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and a graduate of the Police Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police at Boston University. He also completed the Harvard Law School's Negotiation and Leadership Program. Commander Williams is a member of the Los Angeles Police Department's Best Practices Committee, as well as a contributor to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) on best practices on policing peaceful assemblies in participating states.

**Shri MJ Akbar**

*Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party*



Shri MJ Akbar is a distinguished writer and public figure. Previously, he was the Editor of India's weekly magazine *News Sunday*, *The Telegraph*, and *The Asian Age*, and the Editorial Director of *India Today* and *The Sunday Guardian*. He served as an elected Member of Parliament between 1989 and 1991. In March 2014, he was appointed as National Spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He is also the author of several internationally acclaimed books, including the recently published *Tinderbox: The Past and Future of Pakistan*.

**Mr. Yaroslav Trofimov**

*Senior Correspondent, Wall Street Journal*



Mr. Yaroslav Trofimov is a *Wall Street Journal* Columnist and Senior Correspondent. He writes on topics regarding the security, economic, and political challenges facing the Greater Middle East. Prior to his current position, Mr. Trofimov was an Editor for journal coverage in Afghanistan and Pakistan, generating and editing news and feature stories within these countries. In 2010, as an Afghanistan Editor, he received the Elizabeth Neuffer Memorial Price for an article that investigated the Taliban's cooperation with the United Nations agencies in the fight against polio. Aside from the aforementioned positions, Mr. Trofimov has held several positions with the Wall Street Journal including: Rome Correspondent, Middle East and Africa Correspondent, and Senior International Affairs Correspondent. During this time,



he received the Overseas Press Club Bob Considine Award, the Washington Institute Book Prize Gold Medal, Daniel Pearl Award for Best Story on South Asia, SAJA Award, and the Human Rights Press Award.

**Mr. Dinesh Pillai**

*CEO, Mahindra Special Services*



Mr. Dinesh Pillai is the CEO of Mahindra Special Services Group (MSSG), a leading corporate risk management consulting firm that helps organizations reduce risk and enhance competitive advantage. He has been with MSSG since its inception in 2004, and was responsible for running the operations and overseeing implementation of client projects across all service lines. Mr. Pillai was instrumental in setting up the physical security consulting practice in MSSG, and designed and delivered physical and environmental security solutions to a large number of clients. Mr. Pillai is a certified BS 7799 Lead Auditor and has played a prominent role in getting various organizations certified in ISO27001 standard of information security. He has attended the executive program at ISB and the executive program in Business Leadership at Harvard Business School. Mr. Pillai holds a postgraduate degree in Electronic Engineering, and brings a rich industry experience spanning seventeen years. He started his career with the Tata Group, and worked with the Mukund Group before joining MSSG.

**Mr. AM Naik**

*Executive Chairman, Larsen & Toubro Ltd.*



Mr. Naik is credited with infusing a global perspective to Larsen & Toubro's (L&T) business orientation. This involved revamping mindsets and ensuring that virtually all critical activity is benchmarked against global standards. Among other landmark achievements that have yielded significant value for the company and its stakeholders, is the de-merger of the cement business. He played an active part in conceptualizing the proposal of an Employees' Foundation to strengthen the employees' sense of belonging, and enable L&T to retain its unique character. Mr. Naik is the Honorary Consul General for Denmark. He was conferred the Danish Knighthood by Her Majesty Queen Margarethe in 2008, and a further honor, the Order of the Dannebrog, Knight First Class in 2015. Mr. Naik is a Padma Bhushan Awardee (2009) and recipient of the Gujarat Garima (Pride of Gujarat 2009) Award. Mr. Naik is a senior member of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National Council. He also led the Indian industry's delegation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of World Energy Council at Houston.

**Ms. Juliana Kerr**

*Director, Global Cities and Immigration, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs*



Ms. Juliana Kerr joined the Chicago Council in 2002, and currently directs the Council's work on global cities and immigration. She manages the Council's publications, research, and partnerships on issues related to global cities, urbanization, Global Chicago, and migration. She sits on the board of the Women's Global Education Project and was selected to participate in the Bucerius Stiftung Latin American Forum and Rotary Group Study Exchange in Paris. A dual-citizen of the United States and Brazil, she has a degree in Political Science and French from the University of Iowa and a certificate of Political Studies from Sciences Po in Lyon, France.