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Professor Mankad has also instructed over 70 executive groups and senior officials, including Indian and Greek diplomats and defense ministry officials, Central Bank heads from over 20 nations, and top executives and CXO's of large corporates across industries. For five years, Mr. Mankad served as the Deputy Director of the Edward R Murrow Center for a Digital World at Tufts University, leading high-profile TED style speaker events and hosting key luminaries and media guests such as CNN's Anderson Cooper, HBO's Richard Pleplar and NBC's Lester Holt.

Mihir's pre-academic career spans a rich and diverse array of fields, including media, management consulting, and nonprofit leadership. Previously, he served as a national television anchor with top channels in India such as NDTV Profit (Business), Zee Sports, and the national public broadcaster, Doordarshan. In addition to hosting daily prime-time news bulletins, he was involved in anchoring some of the most viewed television events in Indian history, including live broadcasts of the 2008 Olympics, 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games, and the 2011 Cricket World Cup on DD National. These broadcasts had viewership in excess of 30 million, and were aired in over 70 countries besides India. Mihir's pre-television career includes strategy consulting at McKinsey and Company out of the Mumbai office, as well as Bain and Company in San Francisco. He also served as the Deputy Country Director of The Clinton Foundation, leading the country operations in health access and pediatric HIV, and managing a team of 30 international professionals and 200 implementing NGO's.

Mihir holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Psychology from Stanford University, where he was on the national championship tennis team, an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management as a Dean's Honors list recipient, and a mid-career MPA as a Mason Fellow and John Kenneth Galbraith Presidential Scholar from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

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