



Kian Gohar

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Founder & CEO of Geolab

About:

- **Gender:** Male
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Coaching
- Speaking

Topics:

- Future of Work
- Innovation & Digital Transformation
- Leadership & Management
- Remote Team Management

Biography Highlights

- Futurist and bestselling author, Kian Gohar inspires individuals and organizations to harness the power of possibility and innovation to build transformative futures.

Biography

Kian is Founder & CEO of Geolab, an innovation research and leadership training firm. He is a master facilitator and has coached the CEO and leadership teams of over 50 companies in the Fortune 500 on innovation, disruptive technologies, moonshot thinking, leadership and the future of work.

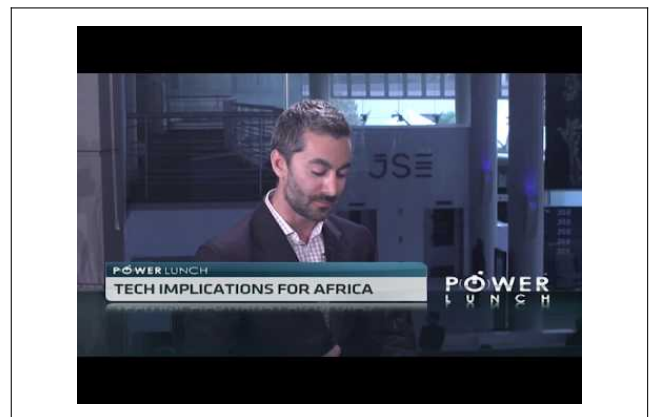
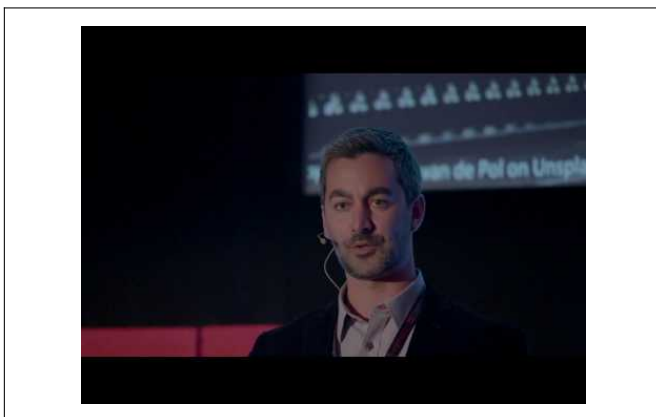
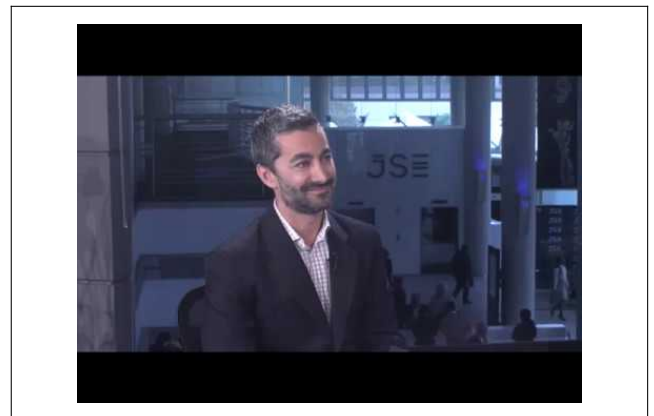
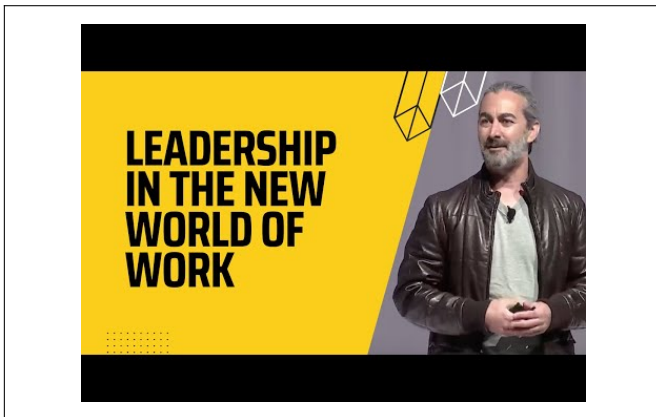
He's co-author of the Wall Street Journal bestselling book *Competing in the New World of Work*, published by Harvard Business Review and with #1 NY Times bestselling author Keith Ferrazzi. This bestselling book explores the most important leadership behaviors and team skills necessary to succeed in the post-pandemic era, and outlines how to build successful hybrid workplaces and workforces.

Previously, Kian was an executive director at the XPRIZE Foundation, where he founded the world's leading corporate innovation ecosystem, and was also an executive director of Singularity University in Silicon Valley. His 20-year innovation career spans venture capital, academia and

startups around the world. Early in his career, he was a Luce Scholar in China.

A sought-after public speaker, Kian's been featured in global media like CNBC, Fortune, Fast Company, HBR, Axios, and NPR, and headlined marquee events like SXSW and the World Economic Forum. He speaks 5 languages, is a graduate of Harvard Business School, the London School of Economics, and Northwestern.

Videos





Kian's Topics

Go Forward to Work

Based on his Wall Street Journal bestselling book *Competing in the New World of Work*, Kian will present practical steps every organization can take to create a successful hybrid workplace for the future of work. With vivid storytelling drawn from a 2-year research project with Harvard Business School and interviews with 2000+ executives from around the world, Kian will reveal key leadership traits, team behaviors and organizational attributes needed in this new hybrid world of work. He will dispel the old “myths of work” that no longer apply, and will reveal very specific “High Return Practices” necessary to succeed in this new era: from collaboration and inclusion, to agility, resilience and foresight. By applying these lessons, any organization can build their workforce into “Exponential Teams” that are nimble and radically adaptable for the future and win the war for talent in the Great Resignation.

Available: Virtually

How to Build a Moonshot

Drawing from his expertise building literal moonshots to space for the XPRIZE Foundation, Kian will present audiences with a step-by-step guide on how to shift their mindset about what’s possible and build a one-way ticket to their future. He’ll explain how to identify one’s most audacious dream, how to tackle the most important obstacles, how to challenge conventional thinking, and make one’s wildest dreams come true. This inspirational and motivational keynote will empower everyone in general audience sessions to leap forward

into their future, knowing that their impossible, is I'm-possible.

Available: Virtually

Thinking Like a Futurist

What will the world look like in 10 years and how will technology and innovation change the future of every organization? In this futurist keynote, Kian will highlight the major technology trends being developed in technology labs and changing every major industry. Kian will explore advances in the convergence of technologies like AI, robotics, blockchain, web3, and crypto, and will give audiences concrete takeaways to build their exponential future.

Available: Virtually

Testimonials

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We invited Kian to speak in front of a select group of our clients to help them understand future trends. He provided an amazing overview on the impact of new technologies on business and industry, and everyone walked away with a powerful new mindset!

Clay Williams

CEO

National Oilwell Varco

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Kian is a master facilitator on stage and incredibly knowledgeable about new trends in technology and innovation.

Dinesh Paliwal

Former CEO & Chairman

Harman International

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Kian's energy is infectious and you will leave believing that your organization can and will innovate its way to the future!

Dean Carter

Chief HR & OperatinPatagoniag Officer,

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Kian's keynote presentation at our annual T11 conference in Beijing in front of 3000 attendees provided a fascinating overview of the cutting edge of technology and its impact on data driven business models.

Will Plummer

Chief Strategy Officer

Talking China

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Kian has been coaching our Silicon Valley team for several years and presented keynotes at several of our annual conferences in Germany. He brings a warmth and compassion to the topic of technology innovation that is very much valued by our company.

Thomas Birr

Chief Innovation Officer
E.ON

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Kian's views on the future of work at the World Economic Forum Africa Summit showed that we can't build a 21st century digital economy with 20th century business models. I found his insights on how to build a future foundation for our young people in Africa extremely valuable.

Maria Ramos

Former CEO
Barclays Africa

Speaker Bureaus And Talent Agencies

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Speaking Agency