



Kim Ghattas

AUTHOR

Strategic Advisor on Geopolitics and Leading Middle East Expert



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About:

- **Gender:** Female
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Speaking

Topics:

- Crisis & Change Management
- Mindfulness & Resilience

Websites:

- [Website](#)

Biography Highlights

- Award-Winning Journalist and Contributing Writer, 'The Atlantic'
- Author, NYT Bestseller 'The Secretary' and NYT 100 Notable Book 'Black Wave'
- Non-Resident Senior Fellow at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Biography

Award-winning journalist, author, and strategic advisor on geopolitics Kim Ghattas is an esteemed analyst with more than twenty years of experience covering the Middle East, international affairs, and U.S. foreign policy. Growing up in Lebanon during the civil war, Ghattas decided to become a journalist to make sense of the world and explain it to others. A renowned expert on the region, she covered the Middle East for the BBC and Financial Times, and was part of the Emmy Award-winning BBC team that covered the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah. Ghattas helped establish a news bureau in her home city of Beirut for the BBC in 2006 and ran news operations, in addition to leading her family business through Lebanon's recent economic crisis, giving her a unique understanding of the intersections of business, crisis management, and global affairs. The former State Department correspondent is the author of the New York

Times bestseller *The Secretary: A Journey with Hillary Clinton from Beirut to the Heart of Power* and *Black Wave – a New York Times “Top 100 Notable Book” of 2020* – which has become a reference for universities and diplomats on the Saudi-Iran rivalry. Building on her first-hand knowledge of the Arab world and unique access to key players and decision makers in the region as well as the U.S., Ghattas provides incisive takeaways on international affairs, helping audiences connect the dots between global events and their impacts.

Ghattas is a contributing writer for *The Atlantic* and a regular commentator on CNN, NPR, among others, and is a non-resident senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. She serves on the board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut, and chairs the board of directors of the organization of Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism. Ghattas is leading voice on Middle Eastern affairs, her expertise on risk and opportunities in regional and geopolitical trends is sought after by policy makers and institutions in the region and in the U.S., and as an in-demand speaker she offers impactful keynotes to audiences of all kinds.

Videos



Kim's Topics

Everything You Know About the Middle East is Wrong

Award-winning journalist and leading Middle East expert Kim Ghattas unpacks key misconceptions about the region, leveraging more than twenty years of experience as a reporter and State Department correspondent. Building on her first-hand knowledge of the Arab world, Ghattas provides incisive takeaways for better policy-making and business decisions.

Available: In person, Virtually

Stuck Together: America and the Middle East

Leading Middle East expert Kim Ghattas has twenty years of experience covering the Middle East as an esteemed analyst, including serving as a State Department correspondent. Ghattas leverages her unique perspective as an award-winning journalist and sought-after strategic advisor on geopolitics in the region to explore the history, challenges, and opportunities in U.S.-Middle East relations.

Available: In person, Virtually

Unlocking the Obstacles on the Path to Success

Award-winning journalist and business leader Kim Ghattas grew up in Lebanon during the civil war. Her experiences inspired her to become a journalist, so she could make sense of the world and explain it to others, and as a child of war she overcame many obstacles on her path to success. In this riveting keynote, Ghattas explores life as a video game, sharing lessons from her life and storied career in this impactful talk for all audiences.

Available: In person, Virtually

Rethinking Resilience

Growing up in Lebanon during the civil war, award-winning journalist and sought-after geopolitical strategic advisor Kim Ghattas learned to turn her trauma into drive and rise above adversity. As an insightful and authentic keynote speaker, Ghattas shares her personal experiences as a child of war and how they informed her journey to become a leading Middle East expert in talks that inspire audiences of all kinds.

Available: In person

Author Talk: Black Wave

Based on her highly acclaimed book *Black Wave*, award-winning journalist and geopolitical strategic advisor Kim Ghattas shares her expert analysis. Named a New York Times "Top 100 Notable Book" of 2020, *Black Wave* has become a reference for universities and diplomats on the Saudi-Iran rivalry. In impactful keynotes, Ghattas builds on her first-hand knowledge of the Arab world and access to key decision makers to provide incisive takeaways on international affairs and help audiences connect the dots between global events and their impacts.

Available: In person, Virtually

Speaker Bureaus And Talent Agencies

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