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Biography

Dr. Amitav Acharya is the UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Distinguished Professor at the School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC. Previously, he was a Professor at York University, Toronto, and University of Bristol, U.K., Fellow of Harvard University's Asia Center, Research Fellow of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and Christensen Fellow at St Catherine's College, Oxford.

Dr. Acharya's articles have appeared in International Organization, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, World Politics, and Foreign Affairs. His previous publications include Whose Ideas Matter (Cornell, 2009), The End of American World Order (Polity, 2014; 2018), and Constructing Global Order (Cambridge, 2018). His most recent books are Divergent Worlds: What the Ancient Mediterranean and Indian Ocean Can Tell Us About the Future of International Order, co-author with Manjeet S. Pardesi (Yale, 2025), and The Once and Future World Order: Why Global Civilization will Survive the Decline of the West (New York: Basic Books), a 5000 years of history of world order building across multiple civilizations around the globe.

He is a three-time recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award given by the International Studies Association (ISA), the largest and most influential global network in international studies. These awards recognized his "influence, intellectual works and mentorship" in the field of international organization; and "extraordinary impact" in globalizing the study of International Relations.