

The Rise of Populism - Speaker Bios

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Sam Mostyn is one of Australia's most influential and highly regarded non-executive directors in business, sport, the environment, arts and culture. She is chair of Citibank Australia and Carriageworks, deputy chair of Diversity Council Australia, non-executive director of Mirvac, Transurban, Virgin Australia, Sydney Swans, and on various other boards including Business & Sustainable Development Commission, the Climate Council and Climate Works Australia. She was former president of the Australian Council for International Development and previously on other boards including Covermore Insurance, Australian Council for the Arts, Australian Football League, Australian Volunteers International, Australian Museum and Sydney Theatre Company.

Dr Andrew Charlton is a managing director at Accenture, after it acquired his company AlphaBeta Advisors in 2020. He was previously with Wesfarmers in corporate strategy and operations, and senior economic advisor to former prime minister Kevin Rudd from 2008 to 2010. He was Australia's representative at G20 economic summits, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate, and commenced his career with Boston Consulting Group. Andrew has been published in leading international journals, is the author of two books, and was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2011.

Lachlan Harris is a successful entrepreneur and co-founder of One Big Switch, a BRW Top 10 Start Up, which is now one of the world's largest consumer campaign platforms. He has since established RevTech Media, which has run some of the most significant consumer campaigns in Australia, EU and US. He was previously senior press secretary to former prime minister Kevin Rudd from 2006 to 2010, press secretary to shadow ministers Wayne Swan and Robert McClelland, a foundation staff member of GetUp, Australia's largest digital advocacy organisation, and the founder and CEO of iconic swimwear brand Budgy Smuggler.