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Ian Bremmer is the founder and president of Eurasia Group, a global political risk research and consulting firm. The company provides financial, corporate, and government clients with information and insight on how political developments move markets.

Bremmer created Wall Street's first-ever global political risk index and has authored several books including *The J Curve: A New Way to Understand Why Nations Rise and Fall* (Simon & Schuster, 2006) and *The Fat Tail: The Power of Political Knowledge for Strategic Investing* (Oxford University Press, 2009). His upcoming book, *The End of the Free Market: Who Wins the War Between States and Corporations?* (Portfolio, May 2010), details the phenomenon of state capitalism and its geopolitical implications. Bremmer is a contributor for the *Wall Street Journal* and writes "The Call" blog on ForeignPolicy.com. He is also a panelist for CNN International's "Connect the World," and appears frequently in the media as a political risk expert. Bremmer has a PhD in political science from Stanford University (1994), and he presently teaches at Columbia University. His analysis focuses on global macro political trends and emerging markets, which he defines as "those countries where politics matter at least as much as economics for market outcomes."