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Robert Muggah's visually powerful and thought-provoking TED Talks on the greatest challenges and opportunities facing modern cities have received more than a million views. A political scientist and widely cited expert on cities, security and new technology, Muggah has written seven books on cities, stability operations, refugees and more.

He has spent the last two decades designing and overseeing large-scale research projects in more than 50 countries. He works closely with more than a dozen multilateral and bilateral agencies on security and policing, humanitarian action, development, migration and urban planning. He advises the Inter-American Development Bank, the United Nations and the World Bank, consults with firms ranging from Google to McKinsey, and works with companies, universities and not-for-profit organizations in North and Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Western Europe. In 2013, he was named one of the top 100 most influential people in violence reduction, and in 2016, he was nominated by the UN Secretary General to advise the preparation of a global review of youth, peace and security.

Muggah co-founded the Igarapé Institute – a think tank working on data-driven safety and justice across Latin America and Africa. He also co-founded the SecDev Foundation and Group – organizations devoted to cyber security and the digital economy, especially in the Middle East, Eurasia and South Asia regions. Between 2000-2011 he led research at the Geneva-based Small Arms Survey, working in more than 50 countries affected by war, terrorism and organized crime.

His work has been featured in the *Atlantic*, the BBC, the *LA Times*, CNN, the *New York Times*, *Newsweek* and others. Muggah received his Ph.D. from the University of Oxford and teaches in Brazil, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

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