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Tobby Simon is the Founder and President of Synergia Foundation, a strategic do tank which works to develop impactful solutions in the areas of geo-economics and geo-security. He is also the President of the Synergia Group a business advisory and Incubation Company that works in the area of translational research.

Tobby has over thirty years of inter – disciplinary expertise in both traditional and non-traditional security including healthcare, cyber security, aerospace, energy, information warfare, conflict resolution and international affairs.

Tobby is very active on a number of international bodies. He is the first invitee and member of the Tri Lateral Commission from India, one of the oldest non-partisan, non-governmental groups founded in 1970 by Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller. Tobby was recently nominated as Commissioner to The Global Commission on Internet Governance headed by the Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt. Tobby is the only Indian to serve on the advisory board of the Centre for New American security (CNAS), a bi partisan think tank that works closely with key policy makers in the US. He was also the only Indian member of the International Council of the Belfer Centre of Science and International Affairs (BCSIA) at The John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University from 2007 – 2012. Tobby was a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), UK and a regular attendee at both the Shangri La and Manama Dialogue from 2007 - 2011. Tobby was also the only Indian besides India's national security advisor to be invited to the 50th Munich Security Conference in Jan 2014 and further invited to organize a global panel on Cyber threats to Critical Infrastructure at the 51st Munich Security Conference in Feb 2015. Tobby is also one of the two invitees (other being the national security advisor) to the World Policy Conference organized by the French think tank IFRI at Monaco in December 2013 and a speaker at 2014 conference in Seoul, South Korea. He is member of the First Global Table, a group of specialist formed to understand the link between food security (natural resources) and national security, constituted by the BMW Foundation and Earth Secure, a London based think tank.

Mr. Simon is a speaker at various global public policy conferences including The World Trade Organization (WTO) - Geneva, World Information Technology Services Alliance (WITSA), John F Kennedy School of Government, Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Science, Cambridge University, Herzliya Conference – Tel Aviv, The Arrabida Foundation - Portugal, The Center for New American Security – Washington and the Council for Foreign Relations (CFR) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Tobby has a Masters in Business Administration, a university topper and was a special invitee of the Indian Prime Minister in 1988. He is a graduate of the Harvard Business School and a Research Associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is currently pursuing his doctoral studies (PhD) at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) Bangalore.