

KRISTEN DAVIS

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International Moderator & Event Architect *Tech | Geopolitics | Society*
Paris-based - Available Worldwide | Native English - Bilingual French

Kristen Davis is a high-energy, sought-after international moderator with over two decades of experience at the intersection of news media, emerging technology, and global policy. 16yrs with the **New York Times International** and former IT & Innovation Director, Kristen excels at translating complex themes - from AI regulation to digital sovereignty - into impactful on-stage narratives. Kristen's approach combines deep operational expertise with a unique ability to bridge the gap between high-level speakers and the audience - ensuring that every session delivers value, is dynamic, and engaging.

Core Specialisms

- **Geopolitics & Democracy:** Trusted to lead dialogues between heads of state, MEPs, and global activists on policies, governance and foresight.
- **Emerging Technology & Innovation:** Deep operational expertise in Tech, AI, Innovation, Cybersecurity, and Disruptive Business Models.
- **Institutional Facilitation:** Seasoned at navigating sensitive, high-stakes environments for international forums and governmental bodies.

Strategic Deliverables

- **Speaker Synchronization:** Conduct in-depth pre-event briefings to surface friction points and craft sharp, tailored questions that push the dialogue beyond standard talking points.
- **Audience Intelligence & Interactivity:** "Break the fourth wall" and create real-time interactivity to ensure content is responsive to the audience's needs while increasing engagement.
- **Session Architecture & Scripting:** Provide collaborative narrative design and scriptwriting to ensure complex themes flow seamlessly while meeting the strategic objectives of organizers and sponsors.
- **Executive Facilitation:** Remain confident and composed in executive environments whilst navigating complex power dynamics.

Selected Moderation Portfolio

- **Tallinn Digital Summit (2017–Present):** Lead moderator for discussions with global government leaders on sovereignty, geopolitics and technology.
- **Athens Democracy Forum (in association with The New York Times):** Moderating sessions on technology's impacts on society and institutions.
- **VivaTech (2017–Present):** Emcee and mainstage moderator for the world's largest technology and startup summit.
- **Cannes Film Festival (2024–Present):** Moderating on the future of AI, IP, audience and content for the film and digital media industry.
- **Corporate Events (2017–Present):** Emcee, moderator and facilitator for prestige brands including **LVMH**, **Groupe La Poste** and **L'Oréal**.



LANGUAGES

English (Native)
French (Fluent)

CAREER

IT & Innovation Director -
The New York Times International
Managed multi-million \$ global tech systems, infrastructure & security.

Expert Assessor -
Google News Initiative
Awarding multi-million € in innovation grants.

EXECUTIVE FACULTY
Columbia University Global Centres (NY), and **Sciences Po** (Paris) -
Specializing in Strategy & Foresight, Governance, Geopolitics & Leadership.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Democracy & Culture Foundation
- APOPO HeroRATS
- Global Youth & News Media

"Kristen transformed a complex tech topic into the highest-rated session of the day." - Senior Event Director



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