<u>Anirudh Suri</u>, the only international candidate on the ballot for HAA Elected Directors this year, has a strong UK connection. He studied Economics and International Relations at the London School of Economics and then worked with Goldman Sachs in London. Much of his time working with McKinsey & Company was also spent in London.

His wife has also studied and worked in London. She did her MBA at the London Business School. But probably, most importantly, the first overseas trip with their older daughter after they moved to India was reserved for London, browsing children's books at Daunt Books and spending time in the Cotswolds.



Anirudh with his daughter, Sophie, at Daunt Books, 2017

The love for reading and writing runs in the family. Anirudh is the author of <u>The Great</u> <u>Tech Game: Shaping Geopolitics and the Destinies of Nations</u> (HarperCollins, 2022), which looks at how technology is shaping the geopolitics of our world and the destinies of nations. He has also written extensively on foreign policy, geo-politics, climate, technology, and entrepreneurship in publications such as *Foreign Policy*, the *New Republic, Economic Times* and *Asia Times*.

He is currently the managing partner at India Internet Fund and Zanskar Climate Fund, both technology-focused venture capital funds based in India and the U.S. Named a Goldman Sachs Global Leader in 2004, he also serves as non-resident scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a global think-tank with offices in Washington DC, Brussels, New Delhi and the Middle East. He is also a Patron Member of The Asia Society, and Charter Member of TiE Global, one of the largest entrepreneurship-focused organizations in the world.

As the former President of the Harvard Club of India (HCI) and HAA Director for the Asia-Pacific, Anirudh has had a strong track record as an alumni leader within the Harvard alumni community. During his tenure as President, HCI organized the first ever HAA Regional Leaders meeting held in India. During his tenure, HCI also received the HAA Clubs & SIGs Recognition Award at the 2018 Alumni Leadership Conference (ALC) in Cambridge.



HAA leaders at the Regional Leaders Summit, New Delhi, 2018

Anirudh has served as HAA's Director for the Asia Pacific for 3 years, working with club leaders globally to make their clubs and communities robust and dynamic. Building on almost a decade of service to the community, he is now excited to potentially serve as an Elected Director. In this role, he hopes to represent the voice of international alumni, and forge deeper connections between Clubs, SIGs and alumni across the world.

"With over 400,000 alumni across the world, there is no reason that our Harvard communities should be limited to our geographical regions. I hope to engage alumni and catalyse action on global challenges that face the world and our community today, climate change being particularly close to my heart and day to day work. I am committed to represent the voice of the entire international community on the HAA Board and work to build a close-knit, yet truly global Harvard alumni community."

Anirudh lives in Delhi currently with his wife and two daughters, and their Golden Retriever puppy, Bella. He loves hiking in the Himalayas, and has recently taken up sketching (portraits and wildlife) as well.

You can also watch his video message to Harvard alumni here.