



April Rinne

ADVISOR | SPEAKER | WRITER | GLOBAL CITIZEN

April Rinne is equal parts global authority, advocate, ally and adventurer. She sees trends early, understands their potential, and helps others do the same. She's a global citizen who brings insights, access and perspective to companies, governments, investors and organizations worldwide. But April is not only a thought leader; she's also a doer. She connects people, ideas and resources in ways that say "wow, that's what the world needs" – and then makes it happen.

Advisor: April is a pathfinder within the digital economy, platform economy and sharing economy. She advises startups and established companies, local and national governments, policy makers, think tanks and investors, working across for-profit and non-profit models. Her areas of expertise include policy reform; global expansion; the future of work; travel and tourism; sustainable development; cities; and emerging markets. She is known for her skill in bridging the private, public and social sectors -- building a more inclusive and responsible sharing economy in the process.

Speaker & Writer: April is an acclaimed keynote speaker and contributes regularly to news and media about the new economy, future of work and global citizenship. She has presented at a wide range of events, from Davos to the EU Commission, industry convenings and private workshops.

Global Citizen: April belongs to the world. She espouses the values of global citizenship: diversity, interdependence, empathy and perspective. She has traveled to more than 100 countries (as of Summer 2017), worked in more than 50, and lived overseas for more than 10 years. She works in approximately 20 different countries each year.

The Fine Print

Education: April holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, an M.A. in International Business and Finance from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, and a B.A. *summa cum laude* from Emory University. She is a Fulbright Scholar and has also studied at Oxford University, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and the European University Institute.

Memberships: April is a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum where she leads the Sharing Economy Working Group and is a member of the Global Futures Council for the Future of Mobility and the Urbanization Advisory Group.

She is a member of China's National Sharing Economy Committee and serves on the Advisory Boards of the [Sharing Cities Alliance](#), [Seoul Sharing City](#) (South Korea), [Amsterdam Sharing City](#) (The Netherlands), [Sharing Economy Denmark](#) (SEDK), the [National League of Cities](#) (USA) and [World Pulse](#) (global). She is also a founding member of [BBPDX](#).



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Previously: April was Chief Strategy Officer at Collaborative Lab, a private lawyer specializing in international microfinance, impact investing and regulatory reform; global Director of WaterCredit at Water.org; adjunct faculty at the International Development Law Organization; director of the World Wide Web Foundation; and advisor to numerous social enterprises and financial institutions.

As a lawyer, she helped draft new legislation and create new investment vehicles for groundbreaking business models in several emerging markets, which are considered global best-practice standards today. She also advised on some of the earliest, groundbreaking initiatives and research in the developing world in collaboration with startups, international development banks and innovation firms.

Interests: Running (1:45 half marathon), yoga, and hiking (from the Himalayas to Aconcagua). Extended solo travel. Maps. Photography. Architecture. Finding the world's best cinnamon roll. And don't compete with her on handstands – you'll lose.

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