



# Rakesh Ahuja Resume 1961 - Still Here



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## RESUME SNAPSHOT

### Education

- 1968 Associate, Australian Institute of Chartered Accountants
- 1971 B.Ec. Australian National University, Canberra
- 1977 Arabic (Asian Studies, Australian National University; Shemlan, Lebanon)
- 1982-1983 Russian (University of Canberra; London Institute of Languages)
- 1992 Vietnamese (Australian National University; Vietnam National University, Hanoi)
- 1994 Hindi (Jawaharalal Nehru University, New Delhi)

### EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW

- 1961-1972 **Chartered Accountants**  
: Articled Clerk, David Fell & Co, Canberra/Sydney  
: Ernst & Young, Peat Marwick & Mitchell, and Price Waterhouse  
**Union Labour Organizer/Crane Operator, WWFA Sydney/AGPS Canberra**
- 1972-2000 **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade:**  
1972-1973 Trainee, Canberra  
1973-1976 Third Secretary, Australian Embassy, Beijing  
1976-1977 Second Secretary, Australian Embassy, Bangkok  
1977-1981 Consul, Australian Embassies, Beirut and Damascus  
Charge d'affaires, Australian High Commission, Malta  
First Secretary, Australian High Commission, Solomon Islands  
1981-1982 Deputy Director, Australia China Council, Canberra  
1982-1983 Russian Language Training, Canberra and London  
1983-1988 Second Secretary, Australian Embassy, Moscow  
1988-1992 Director, Soviet and East Europe Section, Canberra  
1992-1993 Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Hanoi  
1993-1994 Director, India and South Asia Section, Canberra  
1994-1999 Deputy High Commissioner, Australian High Commission, New Delhi  
1999-2000 State Director, Tasmania
- 2001-2007 **Self Employed**  
Director, AusIndia Connect Pty. Limited (IT/Water/Health joint ventures)  
Director, Avessindia Consultancy Group (Trade Strategies, Indian/Australian markets)  
Consultant on Inter-Cultural Issues (Business and Government)  
Contributing Writer, Asian Analysis, Australian National University  
Director, Australasia, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (2002-2003)  
President, ACT Chapter, Australia India Business Council (2004-2006)  
Australian Government (DITR) Project: Closer Integration with India Study (2006-2007)  
Adjunct Professional Associate, Creative Communications, University of Canberra (2003-06)  
Visiting Fellow, Centre for International & Regional Affairs, University of Fiji (2007)  
Head, Business Development (India), Anglo Coal (Subsidiary of Anglo American Services Ltd.)  
2008 – 2010 Corporate Advisor/Workshops: Cultural Intelligence (CQ)  
2010 – 2019 Corporate Analyst: Political, Economic and Social Developments in India.  
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### PAST NOTABLE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- President, Australian National University Students Union Board (1968-1971);
- Chair: International Affairs Policy Committee, Australian Labor Party, ACT (2003-2007);
- Lifeline Counsellor (1981-2004)

