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Dr. Kevin C. Desouza is on the faculty of the Information School at the University of Washington. He holds adjunct appointments in the College of Engineering and at the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs. He currently serves as the Director of the Institute for Innovation in Information Management (I3M) and is an affiliate faculty member of the Center for American Politics and Public Policy, both housed at the University of Washington.

He founded the Institute for National Security Education and Research, an inter-disciplinary, university-wide initiative, in August 2006 and served as its Director until February 2008. He holds a visiting professorship at the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana. He has held visiting positions at the Center for International Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science, the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa, Groupe Sup de Co Montpellier (GSCM) Business School in France, and the Accenture Institute for High Business Performance in Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA). In the private sector, he founded the Engaged Enterprise and its think-tank, the Institute for Engaged Business Research. The Engaged Enterprise was a global strategy consulting firm with expertise in the areas of knowledge management, crisis management, strategic deployment of information systems, and government and competitive intelligence assignments.

Dr. Desouza has authored *Managing Knowledge with Artificial Intelligence* (Quorum Books, 2002), co-authored *The Outsourcing Handbook* (Kogan Page, 2006), *Managing Information in Complex Organizations* (M.E. Sharpe, 2005) and *Engaged Knowledge Management* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005), and edited *New Frontiers of Knowledge Management* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005) and *Agile Information Systems* (Butterworth Heinemann, 2006). His most recent book is *Managing Knowledge Security* (Kogan Page, 2007). In addition, he has published articles in prestigious practitioner and academic journals.

His work has also been featured by a number of publications such as *Sloan Management Review*, *Washington Internet Daily*, *Computerworld*, *KM Review*, *Government Health IT*, *Information Outlook*, and *Human Resource Management International Digest*. He has been interviewed by the press on outlets such as *Voice of America*, *Manager* (Slovenia), among others. He has been invited to edit special issues of several prominent journals such as *Technology Forecasting and Social Change*, *Information Systems Journal*, and the *Journal of Strategic Information Systems*, among others. In addition, he serves on a number of editorial boards such as the *Journal of Strategic Information Systems*, and has reviewed research for government agencies such as the *Research Council of Norway*, *Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation*, and the *Qatar National Research Fund-Qatar Foundation*, among others.

Dr. Desouza has advised, briefed, and/or consulted for major international corporations and government organizations on strategic management issues ranging from management of information systems, to knowledge management, competitive intelligence, government intelligence operations, and crisis management. He is frequently an invited speaker on a number of cutting-edge business and technology topics for national and international, industry, and academic audiences.

He was invited to give a plenary talk at the 2006 Command and Control Research and Technology Symposium, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Networks and Information Integration (OASD-NII), and at the 5th Annual International Smart-Sourcing Conference (2006), Second International Conference on Knowledge Management (2005), among others. He was invited to serve on the Global Preponderance panel for the Bled Strategic Forum 2007 (European Union 2020: Enlarging and Integrating) by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia. He has given over 40 invited talks in a wide assortment of venues. Dr. Desouza has received over \$1.2 million of research funding from both private and government organizations. Dr. Desouza is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.