

### **Dr. Nishant Dass Bio**

Nishant is one part academic, one part entrepreneur – an ideas man, who is also eyeing the next big thing that will revolutionize businesses.

Nishant went to graduate school at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He went on to complete his PhD from INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France and started his academic career at Georgia Tech in 2007. He is now a tenured professor of Finance at the Scheller College of Business, Georgia Tech.

Nishant is deeply passionate about entrepreneurship and believes that startups are the biggest drivers of job-creation and economic growth in any economy. In addition to his deep expertise in finance, Nishant has taught and advised numerous startups as well as dozens of executive teams from Fortune 500 corporations in methods like lean startup and disciplined entrepreneurship. Nishant has also lectured extensively to MBA students and startups on the latest technological developments, such as blockchain, AI, machine learning, and IoT. He is an enthusiastic preacher of the potential of blockchain technology.

Nishant has published numerous research papers in the areas of empirical corporate finance, with a special focus on financial intermediation, corporate governance, innovation, and supply chain. His papers have been presented in various academic conferences, such as the AFA, WFA, EFA, FIRS, FMA, NY Fed, and the World Bank. He has published papers in the *Review of Financial Studies*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, and *Review of Finance*. His work has also been cited in *The New York Times*.

Nishant is a doting father and in his spare time, he plays silly pranks on his daughters, enjoys architecture, photography, traveling, and cooking for his family and friends.