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Rajshree Agarwal is the Rudolph Lamone Professor of Entrepreneurship and Strategy at the University of Maryland and the Director of the Ed Snider Center for Enterprise and Markets. Professor Agarwal studies the evolution of industries, firms and individual careers, as fostered by the twin engines of innovation and enterprise.

Agarwal's scholarship uses an interdisciplinary lens to provide insights on strategic innovation for new venture creation and for firm renewal. Her teaching and engagement in growth-oriented firms help professionals advance through personal leadership, develop win-win relationships, and create a virtuous spiral between their aspirations and abilities. Professor Agarwal has received numerous awards for her scholarship and mentorship, including the "University Scholar" Award at the University of Illinois and the Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award at the University of Maryland.

Agarwal received her Ph.D. in Economics from SUNY Buffalo in 1994 and has previously held faculty appointments at Universities of Illinois and Central Florida. An author of more than 60 studies, her research has been cited more than 10,000 times and funded by grants from numerous foundations, including the Kauffman Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation and the National Science Foundation.

Agarwal is a senior contributor at Forbes, providing insights for leading purposeful lives, strategy and innovation. She has been featured in major media outlets including the Washington Post, USA Today, Time, and the Baltimore Sun, and has appeared in several video interviews and podcasts. Her conversation with David Rubin on "The Rubin Report" drew approximately 25,000 views. Agarwal's ability to put complex thoughts into clear terms led one media outlet to describe her as "an economist who makes things understandable."

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