

Dr Parag Khanna
Geo-Strategist & CNN Global Contributor
Author of *Connectography*

Speaker on Geopolitics, Economics and Technology



Dr Khanna is one of the world's leading geo-strategists, melding the worlds of global politics, economics and technology. His unique analysis provides decision-makers with a complete conceptual picture of a complex world in transition and a roadmap to success.

Professional experience

- A leading global strategist, world traveler, and best-selling author. He is a CNN Global Contributor and Senior Research Fellow in the Centre on Asia and Globalisation at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore.
- He is also the Managing Partner of Hybrid Reality, a boutique geostrategic advisory firm, and Co-Founder & CEO of Factotum, a leading content branding agency
- Parag has been an adviser to the U.S. National Intelligence Council's Global Trends 2030 program, and served in the foreign policy advisory group to the Barack Obama for President campaign. From 2006-2015 he was a senior research fellow at the New America Foundation. During 2007 he served in Iraq and Afghanistan as a senior geopolitical adviser to United States Special Operations Forces. From 2002-5, he was the Global Governance Fellow at the Brookings Institution; from 2000-2002 he worked at the World Economic Forum in Geneva; and from 1999-2000, he was a Research Associate at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.
- In 2008, Parag was named one of Esquire's "75 Most Influential People of the 21st Century," and featured in WIRED magazine's "Smart List."

Books, published papers and media

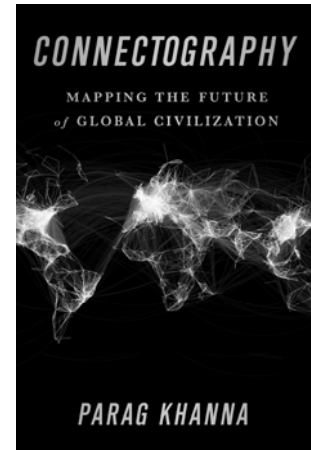
- Parag's latest book is *Connectography: Mapping the Future of Global Civilization* (2016). He is also co-author of *Hybrid Reality: Thriving in the Emerging Human-Technology Civilization* (2012) and author of *How to Run the World: Charting a Course to the Next Renaissance* (2011) and the international bestseller *The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order* (2008), which was translated into more than twenty languages.
- A widely cited global intellectual, Dr. Khanna appears frequently in media around the world such as BBC, CNBC, Al Jazeera and other international broadcasters. He is a contributing editor to WorldPost and serves on the editorial board of Global Policy. His 2008 cover story for the New York Times Magazine titled "Waving Goodbye to Hegemony," is one of the most globally debated and influential essays since the end of the Cold War. His articles have appeared in major international publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Washington Post, Harvard Business Review, TIME, Forbes, The Atlantic, Quartz, Foreign Policy, Harper's, BusinessWeek, The Guardian, The National Interest, McKinsey Quarterly, The American Interest, Esquire, Slate.com, and Die Zeit. In 2010 he became the first video-blogger for ForeignPolicy.com and from 2010-12 co-authored the Hybrid Reality blog on BigThink. From 2008-9, Parag was the host of "InnerView" on MTV. He spoke at TED Global 2009 and was a guest host of TED Global 2012.

Sample assignments and topics

His core presentation topic is:

- *Connectography: mapping the future of global civilization*

It is time to re-imagine how life is organized on Earth. We're accelerating into a future shaped less by countries than by connectivity. Mankind has a new maxim – Connectivity is destiny – and the most connected powers, and people, will win. He guides us through the emerging global network civilization in which mega-cities compete over connectivity more than borders. His journeys take us from Ukraine to Iran, Mongolia to North Korea, Panama City to Dubai, and the Arctic Circle to the South China Sea—all to show how 21st century conflict is a tug-of-war over pipelines and Internet cables, advanced technologies and market access. Yet *Connectography* is a hopeful vision of the future. Khanna argues that new energy discoveries and innovations have eliminated the need for resource wars, global financial assets are being deployed to build productive infrastructure that can reduce inequality, and frail regions such as Africa and the Middle East are unscrambling their fraught colonial borders through ambitious new transportation corridors and power grids. Beneath the chaos of a world that appears to be falling apart is a new foundation of connectivity pulling it together.



- His other speaking topics are:

- *The Future of Globalization: Strategic Trends, Economic Competition & Technological Innovation*
- *Mega-Trends: Technology, Cities and Map of the Future*
- *Winning the Global War for Talent*
- *Billions of People, Trillions of Dollars: How Asia Will Shape the World in the Coming Decade*

Dr Parag Khanna – personal biodata

- Director of Hybrid Reality, Director of Factotum, and, Senior Research Fellow - Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
- He currently serves on the WEF's Global Agenda Council on Geo-economics and advisory board of its Future of Urban Development Initiative. He also serves on the Council of the American Geographical Society, advisory board of Independent Diplomat and board of trustees of the New Cities Foundation.
- He is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, International Institute for Strategic Studies, and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. In 2002 he was awarded the OECD Future Leaders Prize.
- In 2015-2016 he was awarded the Richard von Weizsaecker Fellowship of the Bosch Foundation.
- He has been a Senior Fellow of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, Visiting Fellow at LSE IDEAS, Senior Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations, Distinguished Visitor at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, Distinguished Visitor at the American Academy in Berlin, Next Generation Fellow of the American Assembly, Visiting Fellow at the Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore, Non-Resident Associate of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, and a Visiting Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi. He has received grants from the United Nations Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation and Ford Foundation.
- Dr. Khanna holds a PhD in international relations from the London School of Economics
- He has Bachelors and Masters degrees from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.
- He speaks German, Hindi, French, Spanish, and basic Arabic.
- Born in India, Parag grew up in the United Arab Emirates, New York and Germany and is now a Singapore permanent resident. An accomplished adventurer who has traveled in more than 100 countries across all continents of the earth.