

Dr Parag Khanna

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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 future view of a complex world in transition, and a roadmap to navigate this.

Professional experience

- Parag Khanna is a leading global strategy advisor, world traveler, and bestselling author. He is Founder & CEO of Climate Alpha, an Al-powered analytics platform to forecast asset values and future-proof global real estate, and Founder & Managing Partner of FutureMap, a data and scenario based strategic advisorv firm.
- He has provided his expertise to over thirty governments, including serving as an advisor to the U.S. • National Intelligence Council's Global Trends 2030 program, and the Singapore government's Committee on the Future Economy.
- He currently serves on the advisory boards of Globality, GeoQuant, Graticule Asset Management Asia (GAMA), Datarama, Henley & Partners, and Engiscent.
- Parag has been honored as a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and has served on the WEF's Global Future Council on Mobility, Global Agenda Council on Geoeconomics, and advisory board of its Future of Urban Development Initiative. He also serves on the board of trustees of the New Cities Foundation, Council of the American Geographical Society, and Advisory board of Independent Diplomat.
- He was a 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 and a senior research fellow at the New America Foundation and has been a Global Governance Fellow at the Brookings Institution. He has also served in Irag and Afghanistan as a senior geopolitical adviser to United States Special Operations Forces.
- 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 MOVE: Where People Are Going for a Better Future (2021), which was preceded by The Future is Asian: Commerce, Conflict & Culture in the 21st Century (2019).
- He is author of a trilogy of books on the future of world order beginning with The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order (2008). followed by How to Run the World: Charting a Course to the Next Renaissance (2011), and concluding with Connectography: Mapping the Future of Global Civilization (2016). He is also the author of Technocracy in America: Rise of the Info-State (2017) and co-author of Hybrid Reality: Thriving in the Emerging Human-Technology Civilization (2012).



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- He has been a contributing editor to publications including *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.*
- A widely cited global intellectual, Dr. Khanna appears frequently in media around the world such as BBC, CNBC, Al Jazeera and other international broadcasters. 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.

Sample assignments and topics

Parag lectures frequently at international conferences and gives tailored briefings to government leaders and corporate executives on global trends and scenarios, systemic risks and technological disruptions, and market entry strategies and economic master planning. His speaking topics include:

- The Post-Pandemic World: Global Trends and Scenarios
- The Future is Asian: Billions of People, Trillions of Dollars
- Move: The New War for Talent
- Climate Adaptation: This Century's Highest Priority

Dr Parag Khanna – personal biodata

- Founder & CEO of Climate Alpha, an Al-powered analytics platform.
- Founder and Managing Director of FutureMaps and formerly a Director of Hybrid Reality.
- Was a Senior Research Fellow Centre on Asia and Globalisation at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.
- He was 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.

"Parag is a brilliant, energetic, and mesmerizing speaker who carried the opening day at our recent symposium, the largest annual gathering of geospatial intelligence practitioners in the world. Our almost 4,000 attendees bring wideranging areas of expertise regarding myriad emerging technologies, including remote sensing, data analytics, and intelligence for national security. They were universally blown away by Parag's talk, and the concepts he raised were grist for superb conversations and debates during the entirety of our event."

Keith Masback, CEO, US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation

"Parag was a highly-rated keynote speaker at our European conference. During a particularly challenging and volatile time in the markets, his speech focusing on the megatrends shaping the macro environment offered a thought-provoking and cutting-edge perspective for our clients"

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