

# Expert Panel on Social Networking: Iran and Beyond



## Clay Shirky

Clay Shirky is a thinker/writer/ professor/ programmer/ designer who has long believed that thanks to the internet there's an enormous shift occurring in the amount of leverage the many have over the few.

He is currently an adjunct professor at NYU's graduate Interactive Telecommunications Program. Prior to joining the faculty at NYU, he was the first Professor of New Media at Hunter College.

Shirky has written extensively about the internet, networks, economics, and culture since 1996. His columns have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Harvard Business Review* along with numerous other business and internet publications.

His most recent book is *Here Comes Everybody: The Power of Organizing Without Organizations*. The book is about what happens when people are given the tools to do things together, without needing traditional organizational structures.

## Sree Sreenivasan

Sree Sreenivasan is a technology expert/specialist/ authority and dean of student affairs at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where he teaches in the digital journalism program.

He specializes in explaining technology to consumers, readers, viewers, and users. Sreenivasan likes to say that in terms of technology he's both an evangelist and skeptic. For more than eight years, he served as technology reporter for WABC-TV and WNBC-TV in New York City. He has written articles for *The New York Times*, *Business Week*, *Rolling Stone*, *National Journal*, *Forbes* and *Popular Science*.



Sreenivasan was the founding administrator of the Online Journalism Awards, the world's largest new media contest, and is the co-founder and former president of SAJA, South Asian Journalists Association.

In March 2004 *Newsweek* magazine named him one of the nation's 20 most influential South Asians; and in 2009, *AdAge* named him one of 25 media people to follow on Twitter. You can find him on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/sreenet> and his *Twitter Guide for Newbies and Skeptics* at <http://bit.ly/twitterideas>.