

GPS Panel of Experts on Iran

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Hooman Majd is an author and a contributing editor at *Interview Magazine*.

Born in Tehran, he lives in the United States now, but travels to Iran frequently. He has served as an advisor and translator for two Iranian presidents, Mohammad Khatami and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, on their trips to the United States and the United Nations, and has written about those experiences and others in a number of articles, short stories, and novels.

His work has been published in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *GQ*, *Salon*, and the *New York Observer*. Earlier this week, in the [Financial Times](#), he advances a powerful argument: that the rigged vote in Iran might have been planned before a single vote was counted.

His most recent book is entitled *The Ayatollah Begs to Differ*. It is a nonfiction account of his experiences in Iran. In it he paints a portrait of an Iran that is fiercely proud of its Persian heritage, mystified by its outsider status, and scornful of the idea that the United States can dictate how it should interact with the international community.

Afshin Molavi

Afshin Molavi is an author, journalist and scholar. He is a fellow at the New America Foundation where he studies the Middle East and the links between economic development and democratization. His areas of expertise include global economic development, culture and globalization, and the economics of immigration.

He is a regular contributor to *The Washington Post* on Iran, and is a former Dubai-based correspondent for *Reuters*. His articles and opinion pieces have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Financial Times*, *Foreign Policy*, and *The Wilson Quarterly*.

His most recent book is entitled *The Soul of Iran: A Nation's Journey to Freedom*. In it he details his experiences traveling across Iran, exploring the legacy of the Iranian revolution through a historical, political, and cultural lens.





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Parag Khanna is a best-selling author and an academic. He is currently the director of the Global Governance Initiative and a Senior Research Fellow in the American Strategy Program at the New America Foundation.

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Parag's essays and reviews have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *Forbes*, *Newsweek*, *Harper's*, *BusinessWeek*, *The Guardian*, *Policy Review*, *The National Interest*, *Foreign Policy*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Prospect*, *Esquire*, *Slate.com*, *The New Republic*, *Die Zeit*, *Survival*, *Current History*, *GOOD*, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, *New Statesman*, *Strategy+Business*, *Washington Times*, *The National*, *Daily Star*, *Indian Express*, *India Today*, *OpenDemocracy.net*, *TheGlobalist.com*, and *Correspondence*.

He has traveled in close to 100 countries, and is a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the Explorers Club, and was honored in 2009 as a Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum.

In 2008 he was named one of *Esquire's* 75 Most Influential People of the 21st Century, and one of fifteen individuals featured in *WIRED* magazine's "Smart List." He also served in the foreign policy advisory group to the Barack Obama for President campaign.

He is author of the international best-seller *The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order*, which has been translated into over a dozen languages. In it he argues that in the twenty-first century, globalization is the main battlefield of geopolitics, and America itself runs the risk of descending into the second world if it does not renew itself and redefine its role in the world.