



# 'WHY CONNECTIVITY IS DESTINY' ~ PARAG KHANNA

SPECIAL ADDRESS:

WE WERE TAUGHT THAT "GEOGRAPHY IS DESTINY"  
**BUT IT'S CONNECTIVITY, NOT GEOGRAPHY, THAT DESTINY**  
IT'S TIME TO REIMAGINE HOW LIFE IS ORGANIZED ON EARTH.

THE ACCURATE MAP IS 150 TIMES LONGER THAN ALL BORDERLINE  
WE BUILT THIS MAP  
THE MAP OF CONNECTIVITY

WE WILL BUILD MORE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NEXT 40 YEARS  
A LOT HAS HAPPENED IN THE LAST 25 YEARS  
REVOLUTION IS HAPPENING

THE MOST POWERFUL LAW OF HISTORY  
**SUPPLY & DEMAND**  
MADE IN CHINA, IN AFRICA, USA, FRANCE...

CONNECTIVITY ADD PROFESSIONAL, GLOBAL, ECONOMIC IDENTITY LAYER ON TOP OF OUR LOCAL IDENTITY

UNIFICATION THROUGH CONNECTIVITY  
ALONE WE CAN'T COMPETE WITH CHINA BUT TOGETHER  
ASEAN IS THE MOST COMPETITIVE REGION

CONSISTS OF THE MOST LAND LOCK COUNTRIES WILL BE THEIR SOLUTION  
PEOPLE LIVE IN CITIES THOUSAND OF YEARS AGO, SHARING SOME IDENTITY & LANGUAGE  
**PAX ASIAN**  
**PAX AFRICANA**  
**PAX ARABIA**

WE ARE MOVING INTO A PHASE WHERE COUNTRIES DEPEND ON CITIES  
BETTER CITIES THAN DEPEND ON COUNTRIES

CONNECTIVITY IS:  
• PHYSICAL  
• TANGIBLE  
• REQUIRES INVESTMENT  
SO WHY ARE WE DOING IT?  
BECAUSE IT SERVES A STRATEGIC PURPOSE  
IT'S HOW WE CAN  
BUILD A SUSTAINABLE & MORE RESILIENT WORLD, SHARE GROWTH, FIGHT INEQUALITY

THERE IS NO LOGIC THAT CAN BE SUPERIMPOSED ON THE CITY  
PEOPLE MAKE IT, AND IT IS TO THEM, NOT BUILDINGS THAT WE MUST FIT OUR PLANS  
GENETIC COLLISION FROM HUMAN MIGRATION  
ALL GREAT CITIES ARE MELTING A POT  
AFRICA