



## **Parisa Khosravi**

Parisa Khosravi is an award winning journalist with three decades of experience on the world stage. Parisa left CNN in 2015 as Senior Vice President for CNN Worldwide, in charge of Global Relations and the first ever CNN Ambassador. Parisa built and maintained ongoing working relationships with world leaders, dignitaries and high-ranking officials while ensuring top editorial access and forging positive strategic relationships for the network all over the world. She also managed International Newsource, the network's international affiliate operation with more than 200 CNN affiliates worldwide, and the CNN Journalism Fellowship programs.

A member of the CNN team for almost three decades, Parisa served as CNN's senior vice president of international newsgathering, domestic newsgathering with editorial, operational and administrative oversight of CNN's bureaus and assignment desks, which provided the network's global coverage.

Parisa played a vital role in the network's award-winning coverage of the most significant stories since joining CNN including Tiananmen Square, The Iraq Wars, the Fall of the East Bloc, the End of Apartheid, the genocide in Rwanda, 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina. She directed CNN's coverage of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, and the award-winning news coverage of the devastating earthquake in Haiti; the Emmy-nominated coverage of the attempted airline terror attack over Detroit on Christmas Day in 2009; and the duPont-winning coverage of the tsunami disaster in South Asia.

Parisa led the network's Peabody and Emmy Award-winning coverage of the uprisings and conflicts throughout the Middle East and North Africa, including the revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. In March 2011, she simultaneously led the network's ongoing coverage of the Arab Spring as well as the powerful earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan. The news coverage of these stories were simulcast across CNN's networks and platforms around the clock, including live broadcasts from Egypt under a difficult crackdown by the regime upon the media, and in close range of Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant as its reactors failed. She has been a leading force within the industry for incorporating user-generated content into newsgathering to bolster seasoned reporting, particularly from countries with limited or no press freedom.

In addition, Parisa oversaw The CNN Freedom Project, an award-winning, multi-platform initiative that aimed to expose the horrors of modern-day slavery and push for change, as well as numerous other CNN global initiatives such as girls' education. Parisa orchestrated CNN's largest investment in international news gathering in its history. She strategically increased the number of bureaus around the world, placing new operations in emerging global centers and in the Middle East, including in Kabul, Afghanistan; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Lagos, Nigeria; Nairobi, Kenya; Mumbai, India; Singapore; and Abu Dhabi, UAE. Parisa also increased the number of correspondents throughout the world, including in existing bureaus in Tokyo, Japan; Istanbul, Turkey; Beijing, China; New Delhi, India; Islamabad, Pakistan; Johannesburg, South Africa; Abu Dhabi, UAE; Berlin, Germany; and added a senior Latin American affairs editor in Atlanta.



Parisa's experience and firsthand knowledge ranges from cross-cultural relations to leading through international and domestic crises. Parisa is a recognized authority on crisis and risk management and safety/security matters for her meticulous and decisive management of her staff as they covered the world's most dangerous hot spots, conflicts and natural disasters. She serves as a board member for the International News Safety Institute, the International Women's Media Foundation. Parisa's work has brought her recognition and many prestigious awards for both individual and collaborative efforts. Parisa earned her bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Columbia College in Chicago and studied French at the Université de Sorbonne in Paris and is fluent in Farsi.