



**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
Board of Governors 2020-2021**



Tripti LAHIRI

Affiliation: Quartz

I joined the FCC board midway into the last governing year, several months after Hong Kong's protests began and turned the city into a place where journalists, as in many parts of the world, are increasingly treated by the government and the police as opponents. Those tensions are only deepening, and they have made the FCC's role in lobbying for the right to "commit" journalism especially critical.

If I'm elected in this term, I would build upon what I've learned being in the board in recent months and work closely with colleagues on the Press Freedom Committee to track and issue statements on developments of concern, to help specific journalists in our community when they need it, and to seek answers from the government on how these developments conform to the territory's commitment to freedom of the press and special status. Issues of particular concern include police's treatment of journalists trying to cover the protests, journalists being barred from entering Hong Kong, and the expulsions of journalists from mainland China that included banning them from work in Hong Kong.

The situation of the last few months, with the development of the coronavirus pandemic, have made this a difficult time for any sort of establishment that relies on people gathering together. It's especially challenging for clubs like the FCC that play an advocacy role. In the coming weeks, I also would work closely with colleagues on the board to help balance the need to follow rules and recommendations on social distancing, while also protecting the jobs of the FCC's stellar staff.

About me: I've been Quartz's Asia bureau chief since 2017, working with a small, talented group of reporters to bring our readers a better understanding of major stories like the Hong Kong protests, the coronavirus, and China's policing of information. Before that I was at the Wall Street Journal, variously as an editor and a reporter, and prior to that was a reporter at AFP. You can reach me at tlahiri@qz.com.