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**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for First Vice President  
Board of Governors 2018-2019**



**Victor MALLET**  
**Affiliation: Financial Times**

**Policy Statement:**

I have worked as a professional journalist and foreign correspondent for more than 30 years, first at Reuters and then for the Financial Times, including 14 years in Asia based in Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Hong Kong and New Delhi. I have written two books about Asia. The most recent is *River of Life, River of Death: The Ganges and India's Future* (OUP 2017) about India's sacred river; and the previous one was *The Trouble with Tigers: The Rise and Fall of South-East Asia* (HarperCollins 1999) about the industrial revolution in south-east Asia and the Asian financial crisis.

I will continue to seek to strengthen the FCC's relevance for journalists and correspondents, promote the cause of freedom of the press, and help to arrange useful meetings, events and exchanges of information, as I have done over the past year. I will also work with the Club's President to ensure smooth operations of the Club and work for constant improvement of our facilities and our food and beverage offering.

Yours faithfully,  
Victor Mallet,  
Asia news editor  
Financial Times

**Biography:**

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Born: 14 May 1960  
Nationality: British

Victor Mallet is a journalist, commentator and author with three decades of experience in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. He is currently Asia news editor for the Financial Times.

Previously he was bureau chief in Madrid and Asia editor in Hong Kong. From there, he managed the FT's coverage of the Asia-Pacific and wrote editorials, columns and features on security, politics, economics and business. He twice won the Society of Publishers in Asia (Sopa) award for opinion writing. In India, he was twice awarded the Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism as a foreign correspondent, first for a feature about the rise of Narendra Modi and then for a magazine cover story about the River Ganges.

**Career:**

2016 - Asia news editor, Financial Times

2012 - 2016 South Asia bureau chief, Financial Times

2008 - 2012 Madrid bureau chief, Financial Times

2006 - 2008 Asia editor, Financial Times, Hong Kong

2003 - 2006 Chief Asia correspondent, Financial Times, Hong Kong

2001 - 2003 France correspondent, Financial Times, Paris

1998 - 2001 Southern Africa correspondent, Financial Times, Johannesburg

1997 Book writing and research

1995 - 1996 Deputy features editor, Financial Times, London

1992 - 1994 South-east Asia correspondent, Financial Times, Bangkok

1989 - 1991 Middle East correspondent, Financial Times, London

1986 - 1988 Africa correspondent, Financial Times, Lusaka

1983 - 1986 South Africa correspondent, Reuters, Johannesburg and Cape Town

1982 France correspondent, Reuters, Paris after training at Reuters in London

**Education:**

1978 – 1981 Merton College, Oxford University. Degree in English (BA Hons)

1973 – 1978 Winchester College, Winchester. Three A-levels, seven O-levels

**Languages:**

Native English, fluent French, fluent Spanish, acquaintance with other languages