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**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2019-2020**



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FCC Statement

I moved to Hong Kong last year and as a journalist I was eager to sign up to the FCC, not only to enjoy its great events, but also to be a part of its important work promoting journalism.

In my first few months as a member, I joined the Press Freedom Committee and I have been helping out with the preparations for the Human Rights Press Awards in May. I wholeheartedly believe in the club's vital role in defending the media, especially at a time when it is facing more threats than ever. I would love to continue supporting this core mission of the club by becoming a member of the board.

If elected, I would also back the club's drive to diversify membership and to promote an inclusive environment, which helps to bring about a broader exchange of ideas and lively debates. I've already enjoyed a range of excellent talks, workshops and screenings at the club and would bring plenty of new ideas too, particularly to appeal to younger members, on topics such as technology and the environment, which is a passion of mine.

I am an editor on AFP's Asia-Pacific newsdesk here in Hong Kong. But I cut my teeth on local newspapers in the UK before joining the Press Association in London. After a few years of hopping between breaking news events and a stint on loan to the Australian Associated Press in Brisbane, I became a political reporter in the Houses of Parliament, watching over heated debates. In the months after the Brexit vote, I quit London and moved to Paris, where I first joined AFP.