



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



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Since joining the FCC I have been impressed by how the club makes Hong Kong a better place to be a journalist with its varied events, great facilities and dedication to press freedom.

If elected to the board I'd do my best to help the club run smoothly as an enthusiastic team player. I am currently working on AFP's fact-check project, witnessing how misinformation can damage trust in the media. This key issue could provide fruitful topics for talks and discussions at events and in the bar.

I would also be keen to organise hands-on workshops in coding or mobile storytelling and strengthen links with local universities to explore current research on social, historical and cultural issues facing the city.

The FCC should be a welcoming environment for all. I would actively work on ways to improve the club's diversity, encouraging younger members to join, to make sure it remains a vibrant place that celebrates its history and looks forward to the future.

I have enjoyed spending time in the bar and gym, while also developing something of a palak paneer habit. My ideas for leisure activities include group hikes followed by a drink, expanding the success of jazz nights at Bert's to other musical styles, and screening classic Hong Kong films.

About me: I moved to Hong Kong from London in September 2017 to work as an editor on AFP's Asia-Pacific news desk. Previously I was health correspondent for The Independent. I have also worked at the Observer and written for publications including Forbes, Time Out and Vanity Fair. I speak fluent French and Italian, and spent a year in Japan as a student.