



**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2021-2022**



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Fellow members,

The last year has been a difficult one for Hong Kong but one of the constant highlights for me was breaking the tedium of the pandemic by heading down to the FCC. It has been a huge source of comfort and joy, as I'm sure it has for you. And as always, I've been thrilled to be part of the intellectual life of the club through meetings, long lunches, dinners and conversations around the Main Bar – as well as the fantastic online talks that emerged from the necessity of social distancing.

But after seeing the FCC board and staff excel during a trying year, I felt the urge to get involved and contribute more meaningfully to this storied institution, especially at such a critical time in Hong Kong's history. I'm honored to be nominated as a Correspondent Governor, and if elected would do my best to make sure the FCC remains a vibrant hub, while dedicating myself to building on the great club offerings we all love. I was previously on an active board at the FCC in India's capital, where we led a major renovation, expanded membership and made the club more relevant to foreign correspondent members with events such as pub quizzes and lively panels on current affairs – an experience that would aid me in the admittedly very different context of Hong Kong.

While I'm relatively new to the city, I have been in and out of China over the years, and my work covering the protests and the recent political changes in Hong Kong, including the security law, has given me an intimate familiarity with many of the issues and actors crucial to the FCC. I have also watched with admiration as the club's board stood up for journalism in Hong Kong during a period of political turmoil, and it's heartening to see the FCC remain a respected beacon for press freedom, both in the city and across Asia. I would love to get more deeply involved with the club's essential work on these issues, and help the FCC navigate and thrive in what is surely going to be another very interesting year.

In terms of day-to-day club matters, I'd love to try to deepen and better tap our relationships with the city's diplomatic and business communities (including our many members in finance and political risk), make it easier for members to network with each other, and help moderate panels and events. I'd also like to contribute to partnerships and mentoring efforts with younger journalists, as well as help on membership drives and with the club's excellent Correspondent magazine. As an avid drummer, I would love to pitch in with music at Bert's, if possible. And as an equally avid craft beer drinker, I'd love to see the club enhance its already great selection with more local brews and bottles. Most importantly, if elected, I would love to grab a drink and speak with both new and long-time members to hear suggestions, so that we can help turn those into real change, and make the FCC an even more diverse, enjoyable and rewarding place to spend time.

**BIO:**

I'm a senior reporter with Bloomberg News covering politics, foreign policy and security issues across Asia. Before coming to Hong Kong, I spent three years covering South Asia from New Delhi. I started my journalism career in Canada, where I was born and raised. Before joining Bloomberg, I worked for The Globe and Mail, Canada's national paper, where I started as a business reporter covering technology and telecommunications, including in emerging markets, and eventually became the paper's Asia-Pacific correspondent, writing a mix of feature and magazine stories from China to India.