



**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
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POLICY STATEMENT

It is my privilege to be nominated for a position as a Correspondent Governor of the FCC. I have been a member of the club for more than a decade and would like to give back to an institution that has served me and so many other members of the journalism community.

The coming year is likely to be a challenging period for the FCC and the values that it represents of a free and vibrant press. I believe strongly in the role that the FCC can play in continuing to promote the highest standards in journalism here in Hong Kong and in the region.

In addition, journalism itself is undergoing a major change, as new online platforms allow small startups and independent journalists to begin publishing to a wide audience. These smaller outfits may not have the means to front large legal teams or have the other resources necessary to protect the interests of their staff. That makes the FCC -- which can harness individual voices and facilitate sharing of knowledge -- even more important as the industry fragments.

I also strongly believe in the FCC's role in helping foster the next generation of journalists through events and mentorship programs with local universities. I hope we can broaden our role and deepen ties to local journalism programs.

Our speaker program has remained relevant and overcome the challenges of Covid. I hope we can return to live events and continue to invite newsmaking speakers across a wide range of topics.

BIO

I am currently the Asia bureau chief for The Information, a San Francisco-based publication that covers the business of tech. Previously, I worked at Bloomberg News and the Wall Street Journal in Hong Kong and Beijing. Before that I covered OPEC for Dow Jones in London.

In 2007 I was part of the Wall Street Journal's Pulitzer Prize winning team for International Reporting for our work on the adverse impact of China's growth. In 2008, I was the recipient of both the George Polk Award for environmental reporting and Asia Society's Osborn Elliott Award for a series of stories exposing environmental problems linked to China's Three Gorges Dam project. And in 2013, I was part of the Bloomberg team that won both the Asia Society Osborn Elliott Journalism Prize and George Polk Award for coverage documenting the fortunes amassed by China's leaders.

I started my career covering small town crime in New England. My first job in China was as a copy editor at China Daily, the official English-language newspaper in Beijing. I attended Columbia College and Columbia University's graduate journalism program. I was born in Jerusalem and speak Hebrew, Mandarin and mangled French.