

## Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing Witness Biographies

## The State of Civil and Political Rights in Hong Kong

## Panel I



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Rights Press Award for his commentary in the *South China Morning Post* on the 2014 Hong Kong "umbrella movement."



Mark L. Clifford is the president of the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong and the author of the forthcoming *Today Hong Kong, Tomorrow the World: What China's Crackdown Reveals About Its Plans to End Freedom Everywhere.* Previous positions have included editor-in-chief of the *South China Morning Post*, publisher and editor-in-chief of *The Standard*, and Asia regional editor for *BusinessWeek*. He co-authored, with WTO Director General-designate Supachai Panitchpakdi, *China and the WTO: Changing China, Changing World Trade*, published at the time of China's entry into the WTO. He is the author of *The Greening of Asia: The Business Case for Solving Asia's Environmental Emergency*. As executive director of the Hong Kong-based Asia Business Council he

co-authored *Through the Eyes of Tiger Cubs: Views of Asia's Next Generation*. Clifford's other books on Asia have examined Korea's economic development and the 1997-98 financial crisis.



**Joanna Chiu** is senior journalist for the *Toronto Star*, Canada's largest newspaper, and the author of *China Unbound: A New World Disorder*. "Doggedly reported and fiercely argued, according to Publishers Weekly, the book details China's rapid international rise, and the ways Western nations have contributed to a state of global disorder. Chiu has previously served as bureau chief of the *Star Vancouver*. As a globally-recognized authority on China, the author of *China Unbound* is a commentator for international broadcast media and was previously based for seven years in Beijing and in Hong Kong as a foreign correspondent, including for Agence France Presse (AFP) specializing in coverage of Chinese politics, economy and legal affairs for one of the world's biggest news operations.



Pastor Roy Hoi-hing Chan is currently the pastor of England Good Neighbour Church in London, UK. He was previously the pastor of Good Neighbour North District Church in Hong Kong. In 2019, Pastor Chan and his church launched the "Protect Our Children" campaign to mitigate tensions between police and protesters during the antiextradition protest. Subsequently, in December 2020, HSBC froze the bank accounts belonging to the church and that of Chan and his wife at the request of the Hong Kong Police.



Samuel Chu was the founder and managing director of Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC). Hong Kong authorities issued arrest warrants against Samuel in July 2020, making him the first foreign citizen to be targeted under the National Security Law. In July 2021, People's Republic of China Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced sanctions against HKDC, making it the first foreign entity to be targeted under the new anti-sanctions law. A first-generation immigrant from Hong Kong, Samuel is the son of the Rev. Chu Yiu Ming, co-founder of Occupy Central that led to the Umbrella Movement in 2014.