



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Reducing the Risk of Mass Atrocities

Panel I



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Jai-Ayla Quest is the Program Officer for Mass Violence and Atrocities at the Stanley Foundation. As a member of the mass violence and atrocities team, Ms. Quest works with diverse stakeholders at local, national and international levels to inform policy decisions that strengthen societal resilience to mass violence and atrocities. Her team seeks to establish regional networks for prevention, engages different policy sectors to focus on resilience, and promotes evidence-based policy solutions. Ms. Quest joined the foundation in 2015 after graduating with her M.A. in international security from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. Prior to graduate school, she worked on safe-water and sanitation projects at PATH in Seattle, Washington. She received her B.A. in international relations from the University of Southern California.



Vasu Mohan currently serves as the International Foundation for Electoral Systems' (IFES) regional director for Asia-Pacific and Technical Lead on election, conflict and security. For the past two decades, Mr. Mohan has worked on democracy, governance and human rights promotion with a focus on post-conflict elections and democratic inclusion of ethnic and religious minorities. He has been with IFES since 2001 in the headquarters and the field and supervised programs and field offices in over 22 countries including Burma, Fiji, Nepal, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka, partnering with a range of international, regional and national stakeholders. Mr. Mohan has also worked in several countries including Afghanistan, Kenya and Georgia on election violence mitigation efforts. He is co-author of the IFES White Paper [Countering Hate Speech in Elections: Strategies for Electoral Management Bodies](#), [Gender Equality and Election Management Bodies: A Best Practices Guide](#), and [Sehr: A New Dawn Breaks](#), a book highlighting IFES' Muslim Women's Initiative in India. He is currently working on a translation of vignettes from the history of his native Sri Lanka from Tamil into English.



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