

The SOPA 2023 Awards for Editorial Excellence - Awards Winners List

Excellence in Reporting on Women's Issues

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Nikkei Asia	Nikkei Asia
Title of Entry:	Women's wealth in Asia	Abortion in Asia: The limits of choice
Award Recipients:	Lien Hoang, Kiran Sharma, Francesca Regalado, Cheng Ting-Fang, Sayan Chakraborty, Akito Tanaka, Tsubasa Suruga, Michelle Chan, Cissy Zhou and Echo Wong	Ismi Damayanti, Kiran Sharma, Arisa Kamei, Alice French, Marrian Zhou and Lien Hoang
Judges' Comments:	An impressive, in-depth and original examination of the status of women's work and wealth in Asia. Using lively and diverse reporting and solid background it explains how, despite the situation in general getting worse, many women are breaking the barriers and creating paths for others.	A painful topic, which this piece brings home via personal stories - while also powerfully explaining the wider economic and social costs to societies across the region.



Regional

regional	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The World of Chinese	Scroll
Title of Entry:	The Road to Consent Culture in China: Brutal Assault in Tangshan Renews Calls for Better Sex Education	How Kashmir's half-widows are denied their basic property rights
Award Recipients:	Siyi Chu. Additional reporting by Hatty Liu and Alex Colville	Safina Nabi
Judges' Comments:	By deftly balancing the different aspects of the story - the investigation by the reporter, cultural aspects of sexual consent, and a critical examination of (the lack of) sex education in China - this story was an excellent example of timely, relevant and engaging reporting.	A well-researched story in Kashmir where Muslim women negotiate their rights and identity as "half-widows" after their husbands disappear. A great piece of reportage that gives voice to an overlooked group whose stories and struggles often remain untold.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	報導者 The Reporter	願景工程 Vision Project
Title of Entry:	<u>異域生養-上萬名移工父母與他們孩子的</u> <u>崎嶇路/Born and Raised in Foreign Land:</u> <u>Immigrant Workers and Their Parenting</u> <u>Predicament</u>	協助或騷擾? 障礙女性: NO means NO/Disabled Women: NO means NO
Award Recipients:	李雪莉、曹馥年、陳德倫、詹婉如、 藍婉甄、楊子磊、張詩芸 Sherry Hsueh-li Lee, Fu-Nien Tsao, De-Lun Chen, Wan-Ru Jan, Wan-Chen Lan, Tzu-Lei Yang, Shih-Yun Chang	周妤靜、梁玉芳、陳靖宜、許詩愷 Yu-Ching Chou, Buibui Liang, Ching-Yi Chen, Shih-Kai Hsu
Judges' Comments:	This excellent series gives readers a rare multi-angled and close-up look at the lives of migrant workers in Taiwan, from setting up a family, jumping multiple hoops during pregnancy, and struggling to educate their children. A humanistic take on the island's "outsiders."	A timely feature exploring how women with disabilities in Taiwan are doubly vulnerable to sexual harassment and how the new anti-stalking law may not help.



Excellence in Journalistic Innovation

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Washington Post	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Crucial Lapses Led to Tragically Delayed Rescue in a Seoul Alley	How Xi Rewrote China's Rulebook to Build the Party Around Himself
Award Recipients:	Michelle Ye Hee Lee, Meg Kelly, Atthar Mirza, Grace Moon, Min Joo Kim, Stefanie Le	Bloomberg News Team
Judges' Comments:	By engaging with the audience through callouts and social media, the reporters were able to gather eyewitness reports and document what happened that night in vivid detail, with exclusive footage and an authoritative minute-by-minute retelling of the tragedy. The piece left me with the dual impression of feeling like I was there, and feeling glad that I wasn't.	It stands out for using an innovative datadriven approach to contextualizing Xi Jinping's power grab, using a painstaking analysis of CCP elites, their ages, career trajectories and purges. Also a great use of tweening in the scrollytelling to break down the issues and make them accessible. You leave the piece feeling much-better informed about the structure and composition of China's leadership, and how it got to be that way.



Regional

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Sixth Tone	Malaysiakini
Title of Entry:	Memory Project: The Shanghai Lockdown	Malaysian 15th general election special project
Award Recipients:	Sixth Tone Newsroom	Ng Xiang Yi, Andrew Ong, Lee Long Hui, Yan Jing Tian, Ooi Choon Nam, Syariman Badrulzaman, M Fakhrul Halim, Low Choon Chyuan and Tan Hong Kai
Judges' Comments:	Interesting navigation element using 35mm slides to move between individual stories. Good mix of photos, video, and social media content telling engaging and diverse personal experiences of a unique event. The first-person narratives are a strong record of a time that censors would have buried.	This project deftly uses data and graphics to illustrate how broken Malaysia's election system is and how important a role data journalism could play in explaining a national election.

<u>Chinese</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	報導者 The Reporter	歪脑 WHYNOT
Title of Entry:	還原一場 12 小時內湮滅的犯罪—數萬噸 廢棄物, 如何悄悄埋入台糖土地深處 /Back To the Crime Scene: Taiwan's Illegal Dumping	揭开流量时代的伤口,走出网络暴力的漩 涡/Chinese Internet's Hidden Victims: Uncovering and Healing the Scars of Online Abuse
Award Recipients:	何柏均、洪琴宣、林彦廷、江世民、 柯皓翔、戴淨妍、方德琳 Po-Chun Ho, Chin-Hsuan Hung, Yen-Ting Lin, Ethan Kong, Hao-Hsiang Ko, JingYan Dai, De-Lin Fang	歪脑 WHYNOT Newsroom
Judges' Comments:	Refreshing use of digital maps for storytelling, with powerful visual effects that trace the crime process.	Important topic treated in an innovative way that would make looking away harder, if not impossible.



Excellence in Audio Reporting

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Economist	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	The Prince	Tech Tonic: The US-China Tech Race
Award Recipients:	Sue-Lin Wong, James Miles, Sam Colbert, Claire Read, Barclay Bram, Weidong Lin, Darren Ng, John Shields, David Rennie and Jeremy Page	James Kynge
Judges' Comments:	Head and shoulders above the strong competition. Well-researched, well-balanced. Presented in a personal but composed style. The team did well to cover a potentially sensationalist story in a principled and thorough manner. Everything a good podcast should be.	Great storytelling and effective editing. High drama coupled with a simple propositionunderstanding and appreciating the rise of China as America's tech rival provides the scaffolding that accommodates many insights without losing sight of a story structure that is easy to follow.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Radio Taiwan International	Eco-Business
Title of Entry:	From Lithuania With Love	Shifting Sands: the environmental controversy beneath your feet
Award Recipients:	Natalie Tso, Staś Butler and Tomasz Koper	Sonia Sambhi
Judges' Comments:	This polished, sound-rich, reported audio story by Radio Taiwan International helps listeners understand why Lithuania decided to welcome a Taiwanese Representative Office to Vilnius, and why the Lithuanian government didn't back down even when China downgraded diplomatic ties and slapped harsh trade sanctions on Lithuania.	The politics of sand, and the environmental impact of excavating it for use in land reclamation and construction, is an important and undercovered set of issues. This podcast brought to light specifics for the local audience that would draw them in, making this content more relevant and thought-provoking. The well-prepared host really accesses the guest's expertise. Solid work.



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	報導者 The Reporter	不明白播客 Bumingbai Podcast
Title of Entry:	<u>墮胎、逃跑! 上萬名移工父母與他們孩子的歧嶇路/Job or Kid? Hard Choice for Illegal Immigrant Parents in Taiwan</u>	2022 年中国抗议者专题/2022 China Protests Series
Award Recipients:	詹婉如、藍婉甄、曹馥年、陳德倫、李 雪莉、楊子磊、陳思樺、汪彥成 Wan-Ru Jan, Wan-Chen Lan, Fu-Nien Tsao, De-Lun Chen, Sherry Hsueh-li Lee, Tzu-Lei Yang, Szu-Hua Chen, Yen-Chen Wang	Li Yuan and Bumingbai Podcast Team
Judges' Comments:	The in-depth research has been rendered smoothly through the excellent editing. Facts speak for themselves through the interviews, without personal judgment from the host, who does a great job in stringing the story together.	Bumingbai Podcast is undoubtedly the brightest new spot in audio reporting in the Sinosphere in 2022. This series used hard-to-get participants' real voices to archive the short-lived but significant anti-Covid lockdown protests in China last year a piece of precious audio history recording.



Excellence in Video Reporting

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Insider News	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Why Miners Risk Their Lives To Get Sulfur From An Active Volcano	Amazon Packages Burn in India, a Sign of Global Recycling's Failings
Award Recipients:	Insider News and Documentary Team	K. Oanh Ha, Prashanth Vishwanathan, Taimoor Sobhan and Lisa Yuriko Thomas
Judges' Comments:	A carefully crafted piece of storytelling with a unique impact that contributed to the improved safety of Mistar and his fellow miners.	A powerful piece of investigative reporting that sheds light on the global human toll of our addiction to the ease of online shopping.

<u>Regional</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	CNA	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	What happened before former Chinese President Hu Jintao was escorted out of Congress?	'Thank You for Your Cooperation'
Award Recipients:	Emil Wan	Fu Beimeng, Lv Xiao, Chen Si, Wu Huiyuan, Kong Ming, Xie Anran, Ding Yining, Fu Xiaofan, Dominic Morgan, Qi Ya
Judges' Comments:	Thanks to Emil Wan's good instinicts the world got a rare glimpse of unscripted exchanges between Xi Jinping and his predecessor Hu Jintao at the 20th Party Congress. It was a tiny crack in the orchestrated CCP session. Bravo for documenting a crucial piece of contemporary Chinese history. Though we may never know the real reason Hu was escorted out, it gave us clues to have more educated conjectures.	A beautiful and touching time capsule that captured the mood of Shanghai as it reopened. The piece talks to a range of people - across age and profession - and presents a diverse array of moods. The footage paired with the soundbites renders a poetic reflection of some of those dark days locked inside. Watching this video puts you in their perspective and has imbued daily life scenes with meaning.



<u>cimiese</u>	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	BBC Chinese	今周刊 Business Today
Title of Entry:	反「清零」抗議潮: 美國的中國留學生如何用行動聲援/Chinese Students in the US Joining the 'Blank Paper Protests'	淨灘都清不完的海廢危機! 台灣的海岸怎麼了?/Beach Cleanup Can't Solve the Pollution Crisis; What Happened to the Coasts of Taiwan?
Award Recipients:	Lok Lee	潘怡靜、蔡銘洋、陳亭均、呂佩芬、 蔡侑儒 Yi-Jing Pan, Charlie Tsai, Ting-Chun Chen, Anna Lu and Yoru Tsai
Judges' Comments:	An intimate portrait of young Chinese at a crucial turn in history. Goes beyond mere headlines and slogans.	Good example of combining drone footage and ground level reporting to tell an otherwise untold story.



Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	Reuters
Title of Entry:	From Rohingya to razed villages: Myanmar army's mounting atrocities	Legal Jeopardy: Human rights lawyers pay the price for standing up to Beijing
Award Recipients:	Poppy McPherson, Wa Lone and Myanmar staff	Anne Marie Roantree, David Lague, Greg Torode, James Pomfret and Jessie Pang
Judges' Comments:	The world can appear desensitized to reporting on stories like Myanmar, which makes it vital for journalists to come up with ways of making these stories break through with audiences. Great journalism about one of the least covered large scale human rights abuses in the world. A brilliant package.	An amazing series that documents the struggles of human rights lawyers in China, and how many of them are on the front line of the fight for democracy. Beautifully presented and written - especially the account of rights lawyer Ding Jiaxi. His case shines a light on the Kafkaesque world of arbitrary arrests, detentions and disappearances that exists and thrives under Xi Jinping.

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Publication:	Myanmar Now	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	Myanmar's many forms of resistance	I reported on the military's abuses, then I became a victim
Award Recipients:	Tin Htet Paing, Nway Nway Eain and Han Thit	Ye Mon
Judges' Comments:	These heartbreaking stories confront the reader with the callous nature of conflict. Highlighting the efforts of those standing up against government tyranny, the pieces bear witness and serve as an important spotlight on their work.	In over a decade of looking at human rights reporting, I've never seen a first-person account like this. Cannot understate the bravery it took to do this piece. Incredibly powerful.



<u>Crimese</u>	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	報導者 The Reporter	明報 Ming Pao
Title of Entry:	鄉債 黑工 留學陷阱: 失控的高教技職國際招生/Debt Traps, Modern Slavery, Shattered Dreams: Illegal Recruitment of International Students in Taiwan's Technical University System	沒有支聯會的六四系列/Commemorate June 4 without the Alliance
Award Recipients:	李雪莉、楊智強、嚴文廷、何柏均、 楊子磊、柳廣成、洪琴宣、張詩芸 Sherry Hsueh-li Lee, Will Chih-Chiang Yang, Roger Wen-Ting Yen, Po-Chun Ho, Tzu-Lei Yang, Lau Kwong Shing, Chin-Hsuan Hung, Shih-Yun Chang	明報港聞組 Ming Pao Local News Team
Judges' Comments:	Outstanding investigative reporting of an issue that previously received little or no attention. Human trafficking comes in all forms, and what happened to these African students in Taiwan were given a human and compassionate treatment in this series.	Important and brave reporting by Ming Pao to mark an event that is now illegal to be commemorated in Hong Kong. The first article about the legal status of Alliance organizers is especially notable, which can be seen as both a critique and warning. The front page "commemoration" on June 4th is a poignant reminder to Hongkongers that all is not lost.



Excellence in Feature Writing

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal	Reuters
Title of Entry:	The Two Michaels	Bullets and Bone: A pathologist, a priest and a hunt for justice in the Philippines
Award Recipients:	Drew Hinshaw, Joe Parkinson and Aruna Viswanatha	Clare Baldwin, Eloisa Lopez and Karen Lema
Judges' Comments:	A tremendously well-researched, evenhanded and important piece that perfectly captures the nature of the growing China-US decoupling and rivalry. Brilliantly written as well, reading as it does, like the script of a gripping docudrama. Excellent extra detail, all shaped into a true thriller.	The authors delve into a topic that an average reader might know about in passing - Duterte's anti-drug campaign - and methodically bring the story to life with patient work and excellent craftsmanship. The authors have the courage to know that this story will speak for itself. There is no need for overwrought adjectives and hand-wringing about the nature of man. Instead, the authors employ their craft as journalists to stab at the reader's heart, each "no comment" another implicit condemnation of an unfeeling system.



Regional

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Rest of World	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	The dirty road to clean energy: How China's electric vehicle boom is ravaging the environment	Dancing with the enemy
Award Recipients:	Antonia Timmerman	Hein Thar
Judges' Comments:	Brilliant reporting. Gives due importance to the voices of locals impacted by these projects. The environmental and social impact is spelled out clearly from the start. Photographs are beautiful and complement the words perfectly. Reporter and photographer clearly put a lot of hard work into the story, and even faced risks to their own health.	Evocative and powerful. The reporter has clearly put considerable effort into building a strong rapport with their main sources. The reporter has also taken a personal risk to share this story with Frontier's readers. As the state of press freedom in Myanmar continues to decline, the need for clear, compelling firsthand reporting that spells out the situation in Myanmar clearly, like this piece, grows.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	報導者 The Reporter
Title of Entry:	當白紙穿透中國大學高牆: 站出來,看到了集體行動的可能/When the White Paper Penetrates Thick Walls of Chinese Universities	潤學潮」下最危險的逃難路徑: 穿越巴拿 馬叢林的中國人/"We're All Fleeing Persecution": Chinese Asylum-seekers Head to US via Darién Gap
Award Recipients:	達粼、朱莉可子 Da Lin, Rikaco Chu	陳映妤、陳倩兒 Ying-Yu Chen, Irene Chan
Judges' Comments:	An admirable effort to overcome immense reporting difficulty in a fluid situation to pull off coverage characterized by both timeliness and maturity in writing.	A case study for Chinese media on how to carry out transnational reporting with precision and depth; a trend-setting piece followed by a string of matching stories, including in English media.



Excellence in Technology Reporting

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	ProPublica
Title of Entry:	'An Invisible Cage': How China Is Policing the Future	Human Trafficking's Newest Abuse: Forcing Victims Into Cyberscamming
Award Recipients:	Muyi Xiao, Paul Mozur, Isabelle Qian, John Liu and Alexander Cardia	Cezary Podkul, with Cindy Liu
Judges' Comments:	This powerful entry is the product of meticulous research of extensive materials over an extended period, which is itself an accomplishment. The results are delivered in a clear and effective visual narrative that leaves an indelible impression upon its viewers - the extensive presence of the surveillance regime and the vulnerability of individuals. This impression is further deepened by a thought-provoking overview of the next frontiers of surveillance: voice, iris and DNA.	Brilliant reporting on a tragic situation for all involved. Reminds me of how great journalism simply tells the story the way it was, without color or embellishment.



Regional

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Fifty Two	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	<u>Human Touch</u>	Doxxing on Telegram
Award Recipients:	Karishma Mehrotra	Andrew Nachemson and Frontier Myanmar reporters
Judges' Comments:	This story focuses on the everyday lives of people in India whose job is to label images and video to train computer algorithms. It's an unglamorous and labor-intensive task that nevertheless plays a critical role in developing technology, and India is one of the world's largest markets for data labeling.	Built on two years of strong reporting, this package presents a detailed case on how pro-military activists were able to effectively use Telegram to target people who they said had disapproved of the military junta. They included clear examples of a pro-military activist targeting a bakery owner, then subsequently showing that bakery being raided. It was also interesting to see how Telegram continued to impose loose regulations, even as Facebook started to take stronger measures.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	界面新闻 Jiemian News	端傳媒 Initium Media
Title of Entry:	TikTok 内幕: 张一鸣的巨浪征途/Inside TikTok: Zhang Yiyiming's Epic Voyage	天上有雲、中間有網、地上有格」—中 國監控國家的誕生/Nothing Outside the Grid: the Birth of the Chinese Surveillance State
Award Recipients:	张珺 Jun Zhang	優卡 You Ka
Judges' Comments:	It's not easy to comb the TikTok narrative given the sheer scope of the story; it's getting even harder when the company is notoriously low key. Jiemian produced a beautifully crafted story based on in-depth interviews and thorough research.	A well-researched, timely piece that examines China's surveillance apparatus. The story highlights how breach of privacy drastically deteriorated during the Covid pandemic, shining a spotlight on its pernicious long-term impact on the country's citizens.



Excellence in Magazine Design

Combined Global, Regional & Chinese groups

Global, Regional & Chinese

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Publication:	天下雜誌 CommonWealth Magazine	Post Magazine
Title of Entry:	永續台灣夢/Taiwan's Climate Battle	Faking the Grade
Award Recipients:	林永惟、鄭郁勳、陳則緯、劉鎮豪 Wayne Lin, Jimmy Cheng, Ken Chen, Hauer Liu	Mario Rivera, Dennis Yip and Victor Sanjinez
Judges' Comments:	The illustration style and color palette set a warm and friendly tone to the publication, aiding the reader in navigating a dense amount of text/information. The tone is carried through with the design of the infographics and clean, easily legible font.	The conceptual illustrations make this issue. It's a subject that could fall into a cliche and yet the illustrator did a fantastic job in conveying the message that defied conventional expectation.



Excellence in Arts & Culture Reporting

<u>Global</u>

Award for Excellence		Honorable Mention	
Publication:	Financial Times	Bloomberg News	
Title of Entry:	The pervasive succession crisis threatening Japan's economy	An Art Crime for the Ages	
Award Recipients:	Leo Lewis, Eri Sugiura and Antoni Slodkowski	Matthew Campbell	
Judges' Comments:	This entry shows what excellence in arts and culture reporting can be. It brings readers up close with the humans — business owners and artisans— at the heart of the issue, while seamlessly integrating the moving personal details of their stories with bigger demographic, economic, and cultural trends that Japan is facing. Nor is this simply a dirge about lost arts. The inclusion of attempts at resolving the issue via government schemes, private partnerships, and even generational inheritance (with a twist) in the end makes it a proactive story of a society's reinvention and recalibration of what monozukuri means to their national identity today.	A strong narrative and investigative reporting captures a dealer complicit in looted Cambodian art, as well as the larger issue of colonial expropriation. A gripping opening and an engaging layout kept me hooked on this daring cross-continents investigation. Great use of detail for scenesetting, bringing us to the jungles, auction houses, and the trail of law enforcement officers and attorneys working toward the restitution of these items.	



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Frontier Myanmar	Zolima CityMag
Title of Entry:	Gentle giants in the revolution	Arrivals and Departures: Hong Kong's Aviation History
Award Recipients:	Hein Thar	Christopher DeWolf
Judges' Comments:	A beautifully written and well-reported story that uses the fascinating tale of an abandoned elephant in Myanmar's national park and its former civil servant caretaker to illustrate the drastic changes the country is currently undergoing. Skillful storytelling from a unique angle and solid reporting make for a captivating read that sheds light on the complex challenges facing both the country and its people.	The piece delves into the cultural impact of Hong Kong's commercial aviation industry, through a multidimensional lens of contemporary art, film, politics, design and architecture. A refreshing take.



<u>emirese</u>	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	歪脑 WHYNOT	生活月刊 China Life Magazine
Title of Entry:	后女性主义? 资本主义陷阱? 文化统战? 我们和"小红书"的台湾女性用户聊了聊 /Post-feminism, Capitalist Trap, or the United Cultural Front? We Discuss Little Red Book with Female Users in Taiwan	字游城/Font City Tour
Award Recipients:	歪脑 WHYNOT News Team	陈爽、周亦鸣 Shuang Chen, Yiming Zhou
Judges' Comments:	A thought-provoking article that shines a spotlight on Taiwanese users of Xiaohongshu and delves into deep topics of our time, such as algorithmic hegemony, post-feminism, and China's growing global influence and cultural United Front. The author's unique observations and well-rounded perspective provide valuable insights into these complex issues, making for a compelling and informative read.	This series features interviews with a diverse range of calligraphy creators and recorders, from Northeast China to Hong Kong, and from the grassroot level to professionals. It offers readers a unique perspective on how fonts and signage, as distinctive urban landscapes, intertwine with Chinese people's life experiences and identity in the digital age, prompting a fresh reconsideration of our relationship with these everyday visual elements.



Excellence in Bahasa Indonesia News Reporting (Penghargaan Karya Jurnalistik Kategori Bahasa Indonesia)

Award for Excellence		Honorable Mention
Publication:	Mongabay, BBC Indonesia and The Gecko Project	Kompas
Title of Entry:	Janji Kosong Kebun Plasma: Kisah Masyarakat Indonesia yang Terpinggirkan dari Demam Sawit/'The promise was a lie': How Indonesian villagers lost their cut of the palm oil boom	Limbung Pangan di Merauke/Bewildered Food Estates in Merauke
Award Recipients:	Philip Jacobson and others	Ahmad Arif, Saiful Rijal Yunus, Yohanes Advent Krisdamarjati and Maria Paschalia Judith Justiari
Judges' Comments:	One of the most comprehensive investigative reports that explore pervasive problems related to the palm oil industry in Indonesia. The reporting focuses on hazardous impacts on environment sustainability, ineffective regulatory bodies, corporate greed, and the local-national-global economic nexus as well as human rights issues.	This investigative series questions the efficacy of Indonesia's food policy, namely its food estate program, which is aimed at establishing food security for 284 million people. Diverse reporting and presentation tools, including data-mining, field interviews, infographics and multimedia rendering, are called upon in this superb series.

Excellence in Explanatory Reporting



Honorable Mention

hardships in a country where beautiful

the parks and the libraries.

spaces are aplenty but public spaces are scarce. Well-detailed series on the river,

Global

Award for Excellence		Honorable Mention	
Publication:	The Economist	The New York Times	
Title of Entry:	Xi Jinping: the making of a dictator	'Zero Covid' and Its Unraveling	
Award Recipients:	Sue-Lin Wong, James Miles, Sam Colbert, Claire Read, Barclay Bram, Weidong Lin, Darren Ng, John Shields, David Rennie and Jeremy Page	Vivian Wang, Keith Bradsher, Li You, Chris Buckley and Alexandra Stevenson	
Judges' Comments:	The Economist portrait of Xi in print as well as podcast, in both the briefing and the 1843 feature, is simply stunning explanatory journalism. The reporting is detailed, the writing is authoritative, and the presentation totally engaging. I haven't read anything else that comes close.	Great reporting from the Times on the Zero Covid policy as a means of social and political control, on the revolt against it, and its impact on the daily lives of Chinese. The second piece from southern China had particularly striking reporting, lots of texture and voices.	

Regional

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Publication.	Sixui ione	The world of chinese	
Title of Entry:	Inside China's Real Estate Crisis	The Battle Over China's Public Spaces	
Award Recipients:	Ni Dandan, Wu Peiyue, Luo Meihan, Dominic Morgan, Luo Yahan and Wu Huiyuan	Anita He, Yang Tingting, Dragos C. Cacio, and Hatty Liu. Additional reporting by Sam Davies and Alex Colville	
Judges'	An excellent explainer of China's complex	Beautiful series of stories that depicts the	

Award for Excellence

real estate crisis that doesn't just focus on

problems, but also taps experts for

solutions.



Award for Excellence		Honorable Mention
Publication:	Radio Free Asia	聯合新聞網 udn.com
Title of Entry:	中国拐卖妇女现象深层分析/In-depth Analysis of Trafficking of Women in China	2022 菲律賓選舉專題/2022 Philippines Election
Award Recipients:	王允 Jeff Wang	周慧儀 Chiew Hui Yee
Judges' Comments:	A fascinating piece that delves into the issue of women's abduction in China, exploring the social and historical context of human trafficking in the country. Takes a hard look at the complex issue by including multiple voices: first-hand interviews with abductees, law enforcement officials, activists, and experts.	Dexterous treatment of how history, present events and social media intermingle in times of the election. "All politics is local" - the Philippine version.



Excellence in Business Reporting

Global

<u> </u>	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg News	The Wall Street Journal
Title of Entry:	The Man Who Broke the Nickel Market	China's Belt & Road Reckoning
Award Recipients:	Alfred Cang, Jack Farchy and Mark Burton	Alexander Saeedy, Philip Wen, Jason Douglas, Lingling Wei and Ishan Tankha
Judges' Comments:	Remarkable job of sleuthing a story ahead of the competition. Undoubtedly a market mover. Well-written but not overwritten.	On-the-ground reporting woven into a sophisticated, yet clear, analysis of a single instance of China's B&R application worldwide. Not surprising that it gained a broad audience globally.

Award for Excellence		Honorable Mention
Publication:	Sixth Tone	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	Code Red: The Human Cost of China's Rural Banking Crisis	The junta's exchange rate 'fix'
Award Recipients:	Wu Peiyue, Zhang Wanqing, Bibek Bhandari and Dominic Morgan	Thomas Kean, Htin Lynn Aung and Frontier Myanmar reporters
Judges' Comments:	Well executed, in-depth reporting on one of the most important business stories of 2022, with a lot of granular and sometimes technical detail on the inner workings of the local banking/savings industry brought to life with personal stories. This package shines a light on the resiliency of the Chinese population and their willingness to challenge the authorities.	Wedding hard-core economics to human interest, this story had lots of very detailed reporting and a variety of voices from people directly involved.



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	天下雜誌 CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	透視星港競爭: 新加坡憑什麼贏?/"Talent Rivalry" Between Hong Kong and Singapore: What Makes Singapore the Winner?	供應鏈變局 3.0/Supply Chain 3.0
Award Recipients:	吳婧、陳倩兒、何恩林、郭瑾燁、 陳荔枝 Susie Wu, Irene Chan, Agnes Ho, Athena Kuo, Suze Chen	許秀惠、吳靜芳、辜樹仁、楊時鈞、 王嘉瑜、曹凱婷、陳良榕、鍾張涵、 王儷華 Allison Hsu, Ching-Fang Wu, Shu-Ren Koo, Steven Yeo, Chia-Yu Wang, Kai-Ting Tsao, Liang-rong Chen, Hannah Chang, Lihua Wang
Judges' Comments:	A great example of data being used as the main driver for crafting interesting narratives. This data-inspired approach made this somewhat tiresome topic refreshing and more accessible to readers.	Timely reporting on an imporant geopolitical and economic trend - the moving of Taiwan investments to the US under recent US policies to onshore manufacturing supply chains. It includes both an overview of 40 Taiwan enterprises set up in different areas and industries, as well as a detailed in-depth study of the experiences and risks involved in a number of these moves.



Excellence in Information Graphics

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	South China Morning Post	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Life in Hong Kong's shoebox housing	How a night of Halloween revelry turned to disaster in South Korea
Award Recipients:	Adolfo Arranz, Marcelo Duhalde, Kaliz Lee, Han Huang and Dennis Wong	Adolfo Arranz, Ellis Ng, Jitesh Chowdhury, Josh Smith, Ju-min Park and Simon Scarr
Judges' Comments:	From a brilliant scrolling animated 3D illustration at opening to multiple visualizations including maps, charts, ground plans and photos. A combination of infographic techniques spaced out nicely, taking advantage of limitless web space, and telling an important story of social deprivation in a city renowned for its wealth.	Excellent visual investigation and reportage including innovative use of explanatory illustrations. Great to see a range of techniques - from annotated photos and video analysis to hand drawn images - working well to tell a gripping, though terrible, story. Particular mention also has to be made of turning text from emergency call transcripts into a compelling graphic through design.

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	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention	

Publication:	GMA News Online	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	Eleksyon 2022	China's Human Trafficking Problem Goes Far Beyond the 'Chained Woman'
Award Recipients:	Jaemark Tordecilla, Mic Agcaoili, Karen Mayrina, Marisse Panaligan with GMA News Online, GMA New Media, and GMA News Research	Luo Yahan
Judges' Comments:	A vast and complex piece that covers a massive amount of data. But it's planned efficiently so that navigation is intuitive and smooth. A testimony to a high standard of operational capacity.	The graphics gives this high-impact story a simple but clarifying treatment. The use of visuals is informative; the use of color and style are consistent.



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	天下雜誌 CommonWealth Magazine	READr
Title of Entry:	最新圖解中國 72 小時「封台」軍演 /Maps: China's 72-hour 'Taiwan Blockade'	2022 九合一地方公職人員選舉暨修憲公 投開票即時資訊/2022 Local Elections Live Vote Results
Award Recipients:	史書華、楊時鈞、陳盈諭、李郁欣、 吳冠賢 Silva Shih, Steven Yeo, Ying-Yu Chen, Sylvia Lee, Meg Wu	李文瀚、李法賢、蘇庭葳、李又如、 曾立宇、吳曼汝、王薏晴、簡信昌、 徐湘芸 Lee Wen Han, Li Fa-Hsien, Su Ting-Wei, Lee Yu Ju, Tseng Lee-Yu, Wu Man-Ru, I-Ching Wang, Chien Hsin-chan, Syu Siang-Yun
Judges' Comments:	The visual concept is well-executed with the aid of smart animation. The entry shows a great marriage of visual and print, with each reinforcing but not overshadowing the other.	It's never easy to present election results elegantly, but this entry demonstrates high technical proficiency and accessibility, making it very helpful for readers who would like to drill down into the election results.



Excellence in Reporting Breaking News

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Global & Regional

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg News	Reuters
Title of Entry:	<u>China's Covid Protests</u>	The assassination of Shinzo Abe
Award Recipients:	Bloomberg Newsroom	Aditi Bhandari, Adolfo Arranz, Anand Katakam, Ju-min Park, Kaori Kaneko, Minami Funakoshi, Satoshi Sugiyama and Timothy Kelly
Judges' Comments:	Great work by Bloomberg in a situation that presented fundamental challenges in reporting what was happening on the ground and analyzing the reasons for this surprising turn of events.	Comprehensive coverage that went beyond immediate news reporting to capture the full impact of what happened and some of the wider issues.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	聯合新聞網 udn.com
Title of Entry:	東航空難系列/China Eastern Airlines Flight 5737 Crash	<u>南韓梨泰院慘案/Seoul Halloween Crowd</u> <u>Crush</u>
Award Recipients:	甄伍瑜、苻堅、何恩林、苑悠 Zhen Wuyu, Fu Jian, Agnes Ho, Yuan You	楊虔豪、林齊晧 Yang Chien-Hao, Lin Chi-Hao
Judges' Comments:	A remarkable example of how breaking news can be reported in a thoughtful and engaging manner. The newsroom's commitment to hitting the front line and accessing real people provided readers with a powerful firsthand look at the tragedy and also a variety of perspectives on the event.	The story on the Seoul Halloween crowd crush was an excellent example of timely and effective breaking news coverage. The reporters used first-person accounts, tweets, and maps to assemble a series that recorded the tragedy as it was unfolding.



Excellence in Opinion Writing

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	ChinaFile	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	In China's Diaspora, Visions of a Different Homeland	Marxism, unsackable slackers and empty homes
Award Recipients:	Yangyang Cheng	Leo Lewis
Judges' Comments:	Passionate opinion writing, which gives a good and well-crafted insight into the thinking of the author and other Chinese diaspora at a key moment in the Covid endgame in China.	A given entry should be penetrating, eloquent, and focused on substantial themes. In all of this, Mr. Lewis has excelled. His essays are not keyed to yesterday's, or even tomorrow's, news, but rather to bigger social issues that merit longer-term consideration. These are superior essays.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Frontier Myanmar	Hong Kong Free Press
Title of Entry:	The junta condemns itself	Press Freedom Day: As long as there are journalists in Hong Kong, there will be journalism
Award Recipients:	Frontier Myanmar editorial team	Yuen Chan
Judges' Comments:	An editorial of the highest calling, attempting through clear argument and marshaling of facts to affect events and save lives. If only the authorities had taken heed.	Chan's piece is an important corrective to the dominant paradigm of coverage of press freedom in HK. Sure, press freedom may be terrible now and worse than before, but she highlights how journalists in the city are still committed to doing work of value for readers, come what may and forcefully makes the case that their efforts should not be overlooked.



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	香港 01 HK01	關鍵評論網 The News Lens
Title of Entry:	端正歷史態度 別讓「六四」成為禁語 /Don't Turn June Fourth into a Taboo	全世界對於習近平的批評,帶著深深的誤解/A Critique of Global Take on Xi Jinping
Award Recipients:	黃雲娜 Wong Wan Na	李少民 Li Shaomin
Judges' Comments:	Just when you think nothing new can be said on an earth-shaking event that happened 33 years ago, this commentary surprised us with fresh insights.	Citing historical evidence and weaving in X-ray analysis of the DNA of the Chinese Communist Party, the writer gave a robust rebuttal of some widely held views on the role Xi Jinping played in directing China's development course. It is thought-provoking.



Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Washington Post	Reuters
Title of Entry:	An Empire Built on Coal	Starving the Mekong
Award Recipients:	Gerry Shih, Niha Masih and Anant Gupta	Clare Trainor, Kanupriya Kapoor, Manas Sharma, Phuong Nguyen and Simon Scarr
Judges' Comments:	This story stood out in a strong field of entries, for its depth, difficulty of reporting, rigor, originality, and importance in its implications to our shared global future. Deep and tenacious investigative reporting that combines the what's happening "on high" with the human angle of the on-the-ground effects on those "down below."	A deeply reported and compelling examination of how dams upstream in the Mekong, almost all in China or built by Chinese teams in Laos, are wreaking havoc on the region's longest river and riverine system, affecting the food supply and livelihoods of populations downstream. This is partly caused by the fact that 80% of sediment that usually flows down the Mekong is being trapped in dams in China and Laos, as this reporting and visually arresting data visualization shows.



<u>rregionar</u>	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Rest of World	Southeast Asia Globe & The Straits Times
Title of Entry:	The dirty road to clean energy: How China's electric vehicle boom is ravaging the environment	When the Forests Fall Silent
Award Recipients:	Antonia Timmerman	Audrey Tan, Anton L. Delgado and Mark Cheong
Judges' Comments:	Riveting storytelling that gives the reader a full understanding about a complex topic, from the broader economic and environmental issues driving efforts to battle climate change to the real-life implications for people who suffer from those major shifts. Vivid details, compelling quotes and personal sacrifice in the reporting process bring home the impact of what's happening on these Indonesian islands. This is an important story with lessons and consequences for everyone an eye-opening experience.	An illuminating two-part series on an unfamiliar topic in this region of Southeast Asia. The stories open up new arenas and explore the world of poaching and wildlife trade in great detail, revealing not just the fault lines but how collectively it's impacting the forest and human ecosystem and how far it has already gone.



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	報導者 The Reporter
Title of Entry:	肉食動物系列/Us Carnivores	垃圾黑市錢與權: 一條事業廢棄物犯罪鏈 的生成/Enterprise Wastes Black Market: Organized Crime of Disposal
Award Recipients:	陳婉容、易小艾、王二 Sherry Chan, Yi Xiaoai, Wang Er	何柏均、林慧貞、林彥廷、方德琳、 黃鈺婷、陳思樺 Po-Chun Ho, Hui-Chen Lin, Yen-Ting Lin, De-Lin Fang, Yu-Ting Huang, Szu-Hua Chen
Judges' Comments:	This series exemplifies how excellent environmental reports can be both scientific and authoritative, and vividly written and deeply engaging. It is illuminated by an outstanding first piece that equips readers with a thorough understanding of the sociological, psychological, and historical background of humans' meat consumption. These reports can encourage individuals to make conscious dietary choices and stimulate important public debates on sustainability.	Top-class investigative stories that exposed the operations of illegal waste dumping in Taiwan. Great to see the articles successfully pushed the authorities to tighten relevant laws and regulations.



Excellence in Photography

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Associated Press	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Political and Economic Collapse in Sri Lanka	This Is What Life's Like in the World's Strictest Covid Zero City
Award Recipients:	Eranga Jayawardena and Rafiq Maqbool	Qilai Shen
Judges' Comments:	The powerful imagery captured by Eranga Jayawardena and Rafiq Maqbool truly encapsulates the intensity and emotion of the protests in Sri Lanka. The stark contrast between the raw emotions displayed by the protesters and the lavish government buildings serves as a reminder of the importance of giving a voice to the marginalized. Jayawardena and Maqbool's ability to capture such striking contrasts within their images adds layers to the meaning of their work, making it a truly compelling and thought-provoking collection.	Qilai Shen's entry on the impact of the Covid Zero policy in Ruili, China, is a striking and poignant portrayal of the challenges faced by the town and its inhabitants. The photographer's eye for detail and storytelling captures the essence of resilience and loss, shedding light on the harsh realities of living under constant lockdowns and restrictions. Despite the challenges faced during the reporting process, Qilai's work stands as proof of the power of photography in revealing the true cost of policy decisions.



Regional

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Sixth Tone	Project Multatuli
Title of Entry:	Life in One of China's Unfinished Apartment Complexes	Shamans' Ritual To Protect Bangka Island's Remaining Forest
Award Recipients:	Wu Huiyuan	Nopri Ismi
Judges' Comments:	This is a story masterfully told by a set of photographs, which reveal the perseverance, effort and resilience of the people affected by the irresponsibility of developers of real estate projects. For a family, a home is the fundamental shelter where all dreams and hopes are placed, and the images that illustrate this article dramatically represent that spirit. Coverage that resonates.	This captivating series on Shaman's rituals in Bangka Island demonstrates the power of photography in raising awareness about crucial environmental and cultural issues. The photographer's representation of the shamans' rituals and the struggles of the Bangka Island community in the face of deforestation and modernization demonstrates their skillful and sensitive approach to photography.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	鏡週刊 Mirror Media	歪脑 WHYNOT
Title of Entry:	烏克蘭直擊/Stand with Ukraine	重读身边的"共产主义美学"-潜伏在日常 的野蛮/Revisiting the "Communist Aesthetics" around Us: Uncovering the Everyday Brutality
Award Recipients:	張乾琦 Chien-Chi Chang	歪脑 WHYNOT Newsroom
Judges' Comments:	Calm, level-headed and thought-provoking angle to show Ukraine in the flames of war, with a view to keeping record for the younger generation of Taiwan.	Raw and powerful - jolting you out of the habitualized perception of banality and commonplace.



The Scoop Award

Combined Global & Regional groups

Global & Regional

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	The New Lieutenants	Nancy Pelosi to visit Taiwan next month amid China tensions
Award Recipients:	Josh Chin, Keith Zhai and Chun Han Wong	Demetri Sevastopulo and Kathrin Hille
Judges' Comments:	Definitely the biggest scoop in Asia in 2022 that surprised the region, if not the world, which was closely watching the once-in-adecade change of guard. All the more impressive considering the fact that none of the three correspondents are based in China, where leadership changes are tightly guarded secrets,	Great scoop beating US media. Finding six sources was truly impressive. This scoop, published at a sensitive time, influenced Washington's and Beijing's responses. The report also reflected the complexity in Washington's policy-making by including nuances about the divides between the Biden administration and the Congress.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	明報 Ming Pao	端傳媒 Initium Media
Title of Entry:	審藏書嘆準則未明 教師自訂紅線/A School Librarian's Self-imposed Redlines	失守與死亡: 疫情中的上海養老院/Life and Death in Shanghai Nursing Homes During the Pandemic
Award Recipients:	鄭律銘 Raymond Cheng	甄伍瑜、達粼、趙傑 Wuyu Zhen, Da Lin, Jessica Zhao
Judges' Comments:	Based on impressive research and investigation, the story thrusts an important yet sensitive topic in the aftermath of the National Security Law back to the public sphere, demanding broader public discussion. It took more than a modicum of courage for a Hong Kong-based reporter to dig into this topic.	The writer's ability to tell a compelling story without sacrificing important information is impressive. The use of quotes and personal anecdotes added depth and nuance to the piece, reconstructing the harrowing scenes for outside readers.



Carlos Tejada Award for Excellence in Investigative Reporting

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg News	Vice World News
Title of Entry:	<u>Planet Plastics</u>	The Human Trafficking Victims Being Forced to Scam the World: An Investigation
Award Recipients:	K. Oanh Ha, Matthew Campbell, Stephanie Baker and Patpicha Tanakasempipat	Alastair McCready, Rachel Cheung, Koh Ewe and Gavin Butler
Judges' Comments:	Great story idea that hits home with developed-world readers feeling virtuous about plastics recycling. The still photos and videography add a gut punch to the story's message. Impressive digging by Bloomberg reporters exposed the petrochemical industry's financing of self-congratulatory but minimal efforts to clean up the dumping problem in Southeast Asia.	This series was most memorable as the first of three in this competition to gather enough testimonials, documentation and facts to write about the searing problem of cyber-slavery in Cambodia and other locations in the region. The leaks and interviews with former victims were compelling and damning. Lots of work and persistence clearly went into the reporting. I liked this package's angle of highlighting former scam victims trying to prevent others from the same fate.



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	VOD	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	Enslaved	Covid cover-up
Award Recipients:	Mech Dara, Danielle Keeton-Olsen, Cindy Liu, Michael Dickison and Andrew Haffner	Frontier Myanmar reporters and Thomas Kean
Judges' Comments:	Important, brave journalism on a harrowing topic. These stories traced haunting portraits of those entrapped by this system - from the sale of human beings between stark concrete buildings in Sihanoukville to a Telegram channel where deals are brokered. They also named, and published photographs of, the powerful people involved. The reporting was commendable, too, for staying with the story - a large expose in February and then continuing with coverage throughout the year.	This is solid, comprehensive investigative reporting with clear explanations about the reporters' findings - and how they reached them - revealing a problematic lack of transparency by the Myanmar military regime.



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	香港 01 HK01	報導者 The Reporter
Title of Entry:	電訊詐騙營人口販賣調查: 來自緬甸柬埔寨的呼救/Human Trafficking Investigation: Call for Help from Myanmar and Cambodia	鄉債黑工留學陷阱: 失控的高教技職國際招生/Debt Traps, Modern Slavery, Shattered Dreams: Illegal Recruitment of International Students in Taiwan's Technical University System
Award Recipients:	勞顯亮、呂穎姍、藺思含、李穎霖、 梁祖饒 Lao Xianliang, Lui Wing Shan, Lin Sihan, Lee Wing Lam, Leung Cho Yiu	李雪莉、楊智強、嚴文廷、何柏均、 楊子磊、柳廣成、洪琴宣 Sherry Hsueh-li Lee, Will Chih-Chiang Yang, Roger Wen-Ting Yen, Po-Chun Ho, Tzu-Lei Yang, Lau Kwong Shing, Chin-Hsuan Hung
Judges' Comments:	An expansive reportage comprising on-the-ground reporting and a sharp analytical angle that exposed cyberscamming industrial chains. It led to an effective calling into question the Hong Kong government's inept reaction.	A clinical investigation into the exploitation of foreign student labor in Taiwan, situated in the broader context of slowing globalization. It's also commendable that the expose led to positive changes to the lives of these foreign students.



SOPA Award for Young Journalists

Combined Global, Regional & Chinese groups

Global, Regional & Chinese

Award for Excellence

Publication:	The Wire China
Title of Entry:	The \$50 Million Question
Award Recipients:	Katrina Northrop
Judges' Comments:	A standout and impactful body of investigative work on China's economic influence that is a testament to Katrina's talent, determination and ambition. Katrina's diligent, organized and often-audacious reporting led to a variety of enterprise stories shedding new light on the intersection of money and power.



SOPA Award for Public Service Journalism

Award for Excellence

Publication:	ProPublica
Title of Entry:	The Night Raids
Award Recipients:	Lynzy Billing
Judges' Comments:	A jarring, visceral story reported with persistence and uncompromising professionalism and told with a strong sense of both humanity and humility. The story is deeply important and original, exposing the complicity of foreign intelligence services in the senseless death of innocent civilians, and in the callous and inhuman rationalization and cover-up of the truth. The writing moves deftly between the past and the present, weaving a full and rich account of the night raids carried out by Afghanistan's secretive Zero Units, and the people, policies, and systems involved. This report exemplifies the best of what journalism can do - expose the harm done to innocent people by the powerful, in this case, the most powerful country in the world, not as the result of an accidental act but rather a systematic failure. We can only imagine the hardship and dedication of the reporter in uncovering the inconvenient truth.