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Tom Plate writes about America's relationship with the Pacific Rim and travels frequently to Asia. Over the years Prof. Plate's columns have appeared in many prominent world newspapers, including *The South China Morning Post* in Hong Kong, *The Straits Times* in Singapore, *The Khaleej Times* (Dubai), *The Japan Times* in Tokyo, *The Korea Times* in South Korea, *The Jakarta Post* (Indonesia) and some mid-sized and small U.S. papers. The collective circulation of any combination of these core newspapers at any one time is easily one million -- or more. He is currently working on a book series "Giants of Asia." The initial published volumes focus on Lee Kuan Yew, Mahathir Mohamad, Thaksin Shinawatra, and Ban Ki-moon.

Between 1994-2008, Prof. Plate taught undergraduates courses in media, ethics and Asian media and politics at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). He was nominated by his department for a teaching award and offered consecutive, three-year, tenure-like teaching contracts. He has lectured or offered seminars at at UCLA's Anderson School, the East- West Center at the University of Hawaii, California Polytechnic State University at Pomona, The Getty Museum and Trust in Los Angeles, the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii and at universities in Asia, including the LKY School of Public Policy in Singapore, Kyoto University in Japan, and Melbourne University in Australia. He was recently a Visiting Professor with the United Arab Emirates University in Abu Dhabi, with whom he taught an experimental interactive course from LMU in Los Angeles.

In the late nineties, he founded the non-profit Asia Pacific Media Network, then headquartered at UCLA. He also founded the Pacific Perspectives Media Center -- a non-profit entity. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Amherst College (political science) and Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, where he earned his master's degree in public policy. He is the author of ten books (four in the 'Giants of Asia' series by Marshall Cavendish Asia), and in 2007 "Confessions of an American Media Man." He has been a staff editor or writer at *Time*, *Newsday*, *New York Magazine*, CBS and *The Daily Mail* of London, where he served as guest American editor. From 1989-1995 he was Editor of the Editorial Pages of the *Los Angeles Times*. He has been honored with major journalism awards, including the American Society of Newspaper Editors Deadline Writing Award, the Greater Los Angeles Press Club Award for "Best Editorial" (three years in a row) and the California Newspaper Publishers Award (three times). 'Conversations with Lee Kuan Yew,' the first volume in the 'Giants of Asia' series, won the 2011 People's Choice award for non-fiction. He has been a Media Fellow at Stanford University and a media fellow in Tokyo at the Japanese Foreign Press Center's annual Asia-Pacific Media Conference. Listed in *Who's Who in America*, he was for years a participant at the annual retreat of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. He resides in Beverly Hills with his wife Andrea, a licensed clinical social worker, and their two cats. She has two master's degrees; the cats have no higher-education degrees --- but they do have pedigrees!