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Biography

James Lin is Senior Legal Advisor and Istanbul Protocol Program Coordinator at the Copenhagen-based Secretariat of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims. There, he leads the organisation's global strategic engagements and capacity building on the investigation and documentation of torture. He also advises the IRCT's partners on national implementation of the Istanbul Protocol.

Mr Lin has extensive experience in international human rights and development, spanning over 25 countries. Prior to IRCT, Mr Lin was head of the Bangkok Regional Office for Southeast Asia of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), where he led its legal and policy advocacy throughout the region. Before that, Mr Lin served as Country Director for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative's offices and programs in Nepal and Thailand, where he worked with national government and civil society stakeholders to address torture, trafficking, and other international crimes. Mr Lin has also served in Bosnia-Herzegovina with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, working in close collaboration with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Mr Lin has authored dozens of public reports on international crimes and justice. He has a Juris Doctorate and a BA in Anthropology and is admitted to practice law in the US.