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As Director of Crisis Group's Asia Program, Laurel leads the organisation's research, analysis, and policy advocacy about and in the region. She joined Crisis Group in January 2019.

Prior to joining Crisis Group, Laurel was a senior foreign policy expert at the RAND Corporation, 2017-2018 and 2009-2013. Her research and analysis at RAND covered a wide range of subjects including conflict resolution, democratisation, institution-building, and anti-corruption in countries throughout the world. From 2013 to mid-2017, Laurel was the deputy and then acting Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan at the U.S. Department of State.

During previous U.S. government service, she was Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Senior Advisor to the U.S. special envoy for the Balkans, and Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues. She was directly involved in peace negotiations in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Macedonia. Laurel also served as Director for western hemisphere affairs at the National Security Council.

Laurel was a senior expert at the U.S. Institute of Peace, where she focused on constitution-making, rule of law development, and transitional justice. She has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown. Earlier, Laurel practiced law at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC, and Brussels. She was an International Affairs Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington. Laurel is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Chicago Law School.

Laurel has been widely interviewed including by the BBC, CNN, MSNBC, *The New York Times*, NPR, PBS NewsHour, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post*. She has published commentaries in *Foreign Policy*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The National Interest*, *The New York Times*, and elsewhere.

Laurel edited and co-authored an extensive study of constitution-making processes, "Framing the State in Times of Transition" (USIP Press, 2010). Her RAND publications include "Democratization in the Arab World" (2012), "Building a More Resilient Haitian State" (2010), "Overcoming Obstacles to Peace" (2013), and (forthcoming) "Envisioning a Comprehensive Peace Agreement for Afghanistan".