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Tracy Gopal currently serves the Chairperson of the Corporate Governance Committee of the Japan Society of Northern California. Most recently, Ms. Gopal was part of the Strategic Research team at ISS, where she published papers on various governance topics including Japan Governance Reform. In this role, she also worked closely with the core research team on US and Japan proxy research.

Prior to ISS, Ms. Gopal spent 15 years in transaction advisory services and investment banking, where she assisted companies, lenders and other stakeholders in identifying, evaluating and executing value-maximizing transactions, including mergers & acquisitions and financial restructurings. The bulk of her career was spent with Ernst & Young and its successor entity, Giuliani Capital Advisors. While with Ernst & Young, she spent time in the Tokyo office advising Shinsei Bank and other clients during the non-performing loan crisis. She also served as the first American to join GCA America, the US subsidiary of Japan M&A advisor GCA (now GCA Savvian). Her passion for Japan has spanned 25 years. She is fluent in Japanese.

She earned her MBA at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and graduated with her B.A. summa cum laude from the Honors Economics program at the University of Michigan. She earned the CFA designation in 2002.