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He joined Open Society in 1988 and established more than 20 of the foundations in the Open Society Foundations network throughout Eurasia, the Middle East, and South Asia. He also developed programs such as the Central Eurasia Project, Eurasianet, and Revenue Watch and led Open Society's work backing the Arab Fund for Arts and Culture and other significant culture and arts programming.

Other relevant experiences: Open Society/Revenue Watch Institute

He previously was regional director of the Middle East North Africa and Southwest Asia and headed Open Society's work in the former Soviet Union. Richter was founding chairman of the Revenue Watch Institute, and served on the boards of the Natural Resource Governance Institute, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, and the Open Government Partnership.

Publications, memberships, academic background

He has written for the New York Times, the World Policy Journal, and other publications. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Richter received his BA from Wesleyan University in Russian language and literature and a graduate degree in Slavic languages and literature from Columbia University. His languages include Arabic, French, Persian, and Russian.

