

## **The 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize Longlist: Including Books on China's Rise, the Crisis in Islam, and Cold War Confrontation**

For Immediate Release: January 23, 2012 (Toronto and Washington) – The 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize jury announces ten books on foreign affairs that deepen public debate on important international issues. The longlist for the 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize is as follows:

- [\*Berlin 1961: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the Most Dangerous Place on Earth\*](#) by Frederick Kempe, published by Putnam's Sons/Amy Einhorn Books
- [\*Civilization: The West and the Rest\*](#) by Niall Ferguson, published by The Penguin Press
- [\*Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China\*](#) by Ezra F. Vogel, published by Harvard University Press
- [\*George F. Kennan: An American Life\*](#) by John Lewis Gaddis, published by The Penguin Press
- [\*Islam without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty\*](#) by Mustafa Akyol, published by W. W. Norton & Company
- [\*On China\*](#) by Henry Kissinger, published by The Penguin Press
- [\*The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution\*](#) by Francis Fukuyama, published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux
- [\*The Russian Origins of the First World War\*](#) by Sean McMeekin, published by Harvard University Press
- [\*The Wars of Afghanistan: Messianic Terrorism, Tribal Conflicts, and the Failures Of Great Powers\*](#) by Peter Tomsen, published by Perseus Books Group
- [\*A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War\*](#) by Amanda Foreman, published by Random House

Individual audio interviews with each of the longlisted authors, conducted by noted journalist Robert Steiner and designed to engage the public with the works of these great thinkers right at the start of the annual prize cycle, will be available soon. To download high resolution images of the authors and their book covers, please go to the [website](#) and follow the links to the full press release where downloads are provided beside each title.

The five-book shortlist will be announced on Monday, February 13, and the winner on Monday, March 12, 2012, via press release. The winner will receive his or her award and speak at a free public event, to be held in at the Campbell Conference Facility at the Munk School of Global Affairs, on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, in Toronto, Canada.

### **About the Jurors for the 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize:**

**George Russell, Jury Chair**, is the executive editor of Fox News, the U.S. cable news network. He was formerly the president and editor of *Time* magazine in Canada. He is the co-author of *Eyewitness: 150 Years of Photo-journalism*.

**Gaynor Lilian Johnson**, Ph. D. is currently Reader in International History and Member of the University of Salford's European Security Research Centre. A specialist in the history of the British Foreign Office, she is a member of the editorial board of *Diplomacy and Statecraft* and book reviews editor of *The International History Review*.

**Daniel Paul Henninger** is deputy editor of *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial page. His column, "Wonder Land," appears in the Journal and on *OpinionJournal.com* each Thursday. Mr. Henninger shared in *The Wall Street Journal's* 2002 Pulitzer Prize for the paper's coverage of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. He was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing in 1996 and 1987 and won the Gerald Loeb Award for commentary in 1985.

**Russell Roberts** is a professor of economics at George Mason University and a research fellow at the Hoover Institution. He has written three novels that teach economic ideas for people who are not economists, including *The Price of Everything: A Parable of Possibility and Prosperity*. He has also collaborated on two rap videos starring John Maynard Keynes and F. A. Hayek to teach economics to high school and college students, and hosts the award-winning weekly podcast *EconTalk*.

**William Thorsell** is currently Associate Senior Fellow, Massey College, University of Toronto, and Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto. After more than 10 years as editor-in-chief of *The Globe and Mail* in Toronto, Mr. Thorsell was appointed Director and CEO of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto in August, 2000. He was invested into the Order of Ontario in January 2008 and also invested as Chevalier, Order of Arts and Letters, in France in 2010.

#### **About the Lionel Gelber Prize:**

The Lionel Gelber Prize is a literary award for the world's best non-fiction book in English on foreign affairs that seeks to deepen public debate on significant international issues. It was founded in 1989 in the memory of Canadian diplomat Lionel Gelber (1907 – 1989). A prize of \$15,000 is awarded to the winner. The award is presented annually by the Lionel Gelber Foundation, in partnership with *Foreign Policy Magazine* and the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.

Shelagh Grant was the 2011 prize winner for her book *Polar Imperative: A History of Arctic Sovereignty in North America* published by Douglas & McIntyre.

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