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**EZRA F. VOGEL WINS THE 2012 LIONEL GELBER PRIZE FOR HIS BOOK
*DENG XIAOPING AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF CHINA***

February 27, 2012 (Toronto and Washington). Sara Charney, chair of the Lionel Gelber Prize Board and niece of Lionel Gelber, announced today that Ezra F. Vogel has won the 2012 Prize for *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China*, published by The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China was named the winner by a five-person jury and selected from their previously-announced shortlist.

“The rise of China as a mighty global economic power, which now seems so inexorable, was never foreordained,” said George Russell, the jury chair.

“That it happened, and how it happened, depended enormously on the wiles, stratagems and vision of the short, pugnacious man who is the subject of this deeply informed book by one of the West’s most important Asia scholars.

“Ezra Vogel’s sympathetic and balanced chronicle of the Long March of Deng Xiaoping as he led China toward a central place on the modern world stage makes impressive use of the author’s unparalleled contacts in China’s inner circles. It is going to be required reading for many years to come.”

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, University of Toronto.

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