

The 2014 Gelber Prize Shortlist Reveals Year's Best Foreign Affairs Books Worldwide

For Immediate Release: February 10, 2013 (Toronto and Washington): Patricia Rubin, President of the Lionel Gelber Prize Board and niece of Lionel Gelber, today announced the five books shortlisted for the 2014 Lionel Gelber Prize:

- ***The Blood Telegram: Nixon, Kissinger, and a Forgotten Genocide*** by Gary J. Bass, published by Alfred A. Knopf
- ***Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh, and America's Fight Over World War II, 1939 – 1941*** by Lynne Olson, published by Random House
- ***Command and Control: Nuclear Weapons, the Damascus Accident, and the Illusion of Safety*** by Eric Schlosser, published by The Penguin Press
- ***Europe: The Struggle for Supremacy, from 1453 to the Present*** by Brendan Simms, published by Basic Books
- ***The Battle of Bretton Woods: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White, and the Making of a New World Order*** by Benn Steil, published by Princeton University Press

In summarizing the importance of these five well-written and engaging books, Jury Chair William Thorsell notes:

"Four of the five books on the Lionel Gelber Prize shortlist reveal telling aspects of American governance in pressing circumstances. We see how personalities in the White House play over-sized roles in the conduct of foreign policy, at times to tragic effect. In the fifth book, we see how inexorably the central dilemmas of Europe arrive on American shores without pity for American desires. There is an epic quality to this coincidence of subjects that can be read as one."

The winner of the 2014 prize will be announced on March 31, via press release. The winner will speak at a free public event to be held in the Campbell Conference Facility at the Munk School of Global Affairs on Thursday, April 24, 2014.

About the Jury: Jury Chair William Thorsell (Canada), was joined by Jurors Timothy Garton Ash (Oxford, England), Daniel W. Drezner (Massachusetts, USA), Chrystia Freeland (Toronto, Canada), and Matias Spektor (Brazil).

About the Prize: The Lionel Gelber Prize, 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, was founded in 1989 by Canadian diplomat Lionel Gelber. 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. The longlist was previously announced on January 27, 2014.

For more information or to arrange an interview with the finalists or jurors, please contact:

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William Thorsell, Jury Chair (Toronto, Canada) 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.

Timothy Garton Ash (Oxford, England) is the author of nine books of political writing which have charted the transformation of Europe over the last thirty years. He is Professor of European Studies at the University of Oxford; Isaiah Berlin Professorial Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford; and a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. His essays appear regularly in the *New York Review of Books* and he writes a weekly column in the *Guardian*, which is widely syndicated in Europe, Asia and the Americas. His most recent book is *Facts are Subversive: Political Writing from a Decade Without a Name*. He is currently leading a major Oxford University project on global freedom of expression in the internet age (www.freespeechdebate.com).

Daniel W. Drezner (Massachusetts, USA) is Professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a contributing editor at *Foreign Policy* magazine. Prior to Fletcher, he taught at the University of Chicago and the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has previously held positions with the Civic Education Project, the RAND Corporation and the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He is an editorial board member of *Perspectives on Politics*.

Chrystia Freeland (Toronto, Canada) was born in Peace River, Alberta and studied at Harvard University and on a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford University. After cutting her journalistic teeth as a Ukraine-based stringer for the *Financial Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *The Economist*, she went on to wear many hats at the *Financial Times*, including deputy editor. She served as deputy editor of Canada's *The Globe and Mail* (1999-2001), before returning to the *Financial Times* as U.S. Managing Editor. In 2010 she joined Thomson Reuters where she worked most recently worked as Managing Director and Editor of Consumer News. In 2013 she returned to Canada and won the by-election for the Liberal party in the riding of Toronto Centre. She is the author of *Sale of the Century: The Inside Story of the Second Russian Revolution* and *Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else*, which this year won both the Lionel Gelber Prize and the National Business Book Award.

Matias Spektor (Brazil) is an Associate Professor at Fundação Getulio Vargas in Brazil. He is the author of *Kissinger e o Brasil* (2009), *Azeredo da Silveira: um depoimento* (2010) and is currently completing a book on US-Brazil relations. Dr. Spektor is also working on a multi-archive research program on the history of Brazil's nuclear program. He was a visiting fellow with the London School of Economics (2009), the Council on Foreign Relations (2010), the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2012), and holds a doctorate from the University of Oxford. He is currently Rio Branco Chair in International Relations at King's College London.