

Jury Announced for the 26th Annual Lionel Gelber Prize

For Immediate Release: January 5, 2016 (Toronto and Washington): Sara Charney, chair of the Lionel Gelber Prize and president of The Lionel Gelber Foundation, and Stephen Toope, director of the Munk School of Global Affairs, are pleased to announce an outstanding jury for the upcoming Prize. “Created in memory of the Canadian scholar, diplomat and author Lionel Gelber, we are gratified that the Prize attracts such distinguished jurors, year after year” said Ms Charney, niece of Lionel Gelber.

Jury Chair John Stackhouse (Toronto, Canada) is joined by Jurors **Michael Barnett** (Washington, D.C.); **Rachel Lomax** (London, England); **David M. Malone** (Tokyo, Japan); and **Matias Spektor** (Sao Paulo, Brazil).

Key Dates: The jury’s selected shortlist of five authors will be announced on February 2 and its winner will be announced on March 1. The winner will receive the 2016 Lionel Gelber Prize and speak at a free public event at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

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 cash 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.

Serhii Plokyh won the 2015 Prize for his book *The Last Empire: The Final Days of the Soviet Union* published by Basic Books. The Prize marked its 25th anniversary last year with a commemorative video that explored 25 years of global change in conversation with five of its previous winners, at this link: <http://munkschool.utoronto.ca/gelber/media.html>

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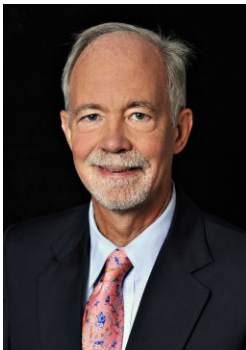
John Stackhouse Jury Chair (Toronto, Canada) is an award-winning journalist, author and Senior Fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs and C.D. Howe Institute. He now serves as Senior Vice President, Office of the CEO at RBC, where he advises the bank on economic and social policy and public affairs. He was previously Editor-in-chief of *The Globe and Mail*, as well as the newspaper’s business, foreign, and national editor and, from 1992 – 1999, its international development correspondent, based in New Delhi. The author and co-author of several titles, including the best-selling work *Out of Poverty*, and his latest book *Mass Disruption: Thirty Years on the Front Lines of a Media Revolution*.



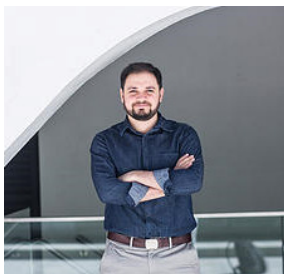
Michael Barnett (Washington, D.C. USA) is a distinguished scholar of international relations with a research focus in the areas of international organizations, international relations theory, and Middle Eastern politics. He is currently a University Professor of International Affairs and Political Science at The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. He has previously taught at the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin, Macalester College, Wellesley College, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Barnett is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the recipient of many grants and awards for his research. He previously served as the Harold Stassen Chair of International Relations and professor of political science at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. His most recent book is the forthcoming *The Star and the Stripes: A History of the Foreign Policies of American Jews* (Princeton University Press).



Rachel Lomax (London, England) is a British economist and a former government official who served as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, sitting on the Monetary Policy Committee. She has experience in the public and private sectors, plus a deep knowledge of the operations of the UK government and financial system. As the World Bank's first female deputy governor, she has been involved with numerous institutions such as the Economic and Domestic Secretariat at the Cabinet Office. Previously she was permanent secretary in turn at the Welsh Office, the Department of Social Security, and the Department of Transport, and the Principal Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson. Furthermore, she became an independent non-executive director of HSBC Holdings while also being a director at the Royal National theatre. She received an honorary degree from University of Glasgow and has also attended Cheltenham Ladies' College, Girton College, Cambridge, and the London School of Economics.



David M. Malone (Tokyo, Japan) is a Canadian author, diplomat, and expert on international affairs. Currently, he is the United Nations Under-Secretary General, Rector of the United Nations University and has previously served as president of the International Peace Institute and the International Development Reach Centre. He is a former Canadian Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council and held several other diplomatic appointments for Canada, including Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations and High Commissioner to India (accredited also as non-resident Ambassador to Nepal and Bhutan).



Matias Spektor (Brazil) is an Associate Professor at Fundação Getúlio Vargas in Brazil. He is the author of *Kissinger e o Brasil* (2009), *Azaredo da Silveira: um depoimento* (2010) and *18 Dias* (2014). 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.