

Shortlist Announced for the 2018 Lionel Gelber Prize

For Immediate Release: February 13, 2018 (Toronto and Washington): **Jury Chair Janice Stein** announces five finalists for the 2018 Lionel Gelber Prize:

- ***Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?*** By Graham Allison, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- ***Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine*** by Anne Applebaum, published by Signal/McClelland & Stewart/Penguin Random House
- ***The Future of War: A History*** by Lawrence Freedman, published by PublicAffairs/Hachette Book Group
- ***The Internationalists: How a Radical Plan to Outlaw War Remade the World*** by Oona A. Hathaway and Scott J. Shapiro, published by Simon & Schuster
- ***Asia's Reckoning: China, Japan, and the Fate of U.S. Power in the Pacific Century*** by Richard McGregor, published by Viking/Penguin Random House.

About the Jury: **Janice Gross Stein**, Jury Chair (Toronto, Canada) is joined by distinguished jurors **Ramachandra Guha** (Bengaluru, India), **Desmond King** (Oxford, England), **David M. Malone** (Tokyo, Japan), and **Jeannette Money** (California, USA).

The **Lionel Gelber Prize Podcast Series** features all five of this year's finalists in conversation with Robert Steiner, Founder of the Fellowships in Global Journalism at the Munk School of Global Affairs. Special thanks to Funding Media Partner **Focus Asset Management** for their support of these podcasts, available on iTunes.

Key Dates: The 2018 winner will be announced on March 13 and invited to speak at a free public event at Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs on April 17, 2018.

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 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.

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To arrange interviews with the finalists, jurors, and presenting partners, please contact: June Dickenson | junedickenson@cogeco.ca | (905) 541-4556.

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About the Shortlisted Books – Jury Notes and Author Biographies

Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap? By Graham Allison, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

“In a lucid and important book, *Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides' Trap?* Graham Allison reaches back to Thucydides to tell the story of the conflict between rising powers and those that have already risen and asks if China and the United States are destined to fall into Thucydides' Trap. Learning from the past to better manage the future, Allison provides a compelling analysis of the pitfalls that both must avoid as China re-emerges as a great power.” The 2018 Lionel Gelber Prize Jury

Graham Allison is director of Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs and the best-selling author of *Lee Kuan Yew: The Grand Master's Insights on China, the United States, and the World*; *Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe*; and *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*. Founder of the Harvard Kennedy School, Dr. Allison has served as assistant secretary of defense under every president from Reagan to Obama. He lives in Belmont, Massachusetts.

Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine by Anne Applebaum, published by Signal/McClelland & Stewart

“Anne Applebaum's *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine* is the gripping story of the famine the Soviet leadership induced in Ukraine. This beautifully written history speaks to one of the most important global issues. Famines, then and now, are never the result of natural causes only; they are also the result of deliberate choices that leaders make. This is a magnificent book about a globally important issue that everyone should read.” The 2018 Lionel Gelber Prize Jury

Anne Applebaum is a columnist for *The Washington Post*, a Professor of Practice at the London School of Economics, and a contributor to *The New York Review of Books*. Her previous books include *Iron Curtain*, winner of the Cundill Prize and a finalist for the Lionel Gelber Prize and the National Book Award, and *Gulag*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize in General Non-Fiction and a finalist for three other major prizes. She lives in Poland with her husband Radek Sikorski, a Polish politician, and their three children.

The Future of War: A History by Lawrence Freedman, published by PublicAffairs/Hachette Book Group

“The distinguished historian, Lawrence Freedman shows how intellectuals, novelists, film makers and military strategists have thought about war. Thinking about war in the last 150 years, Freedman argues, has been shaken by one epoch changing event: nuclear weapons. Yet *The Future of War: A History* traces important continuities in thinking about war before and after the advent of nuclear weapons. This book is a superb contribution to the historiography of war.” The 2018 Lionel Gelber Prize Jury

Lawrence Freedman is an emeritus professor of war studies at King's College London. He is the author of one of the *Financial Times'* Best Books of 2013, *Strategy*, and *A Choice of Enemies*, which won the 2009 Lionel Gelber Prize and the Duke of Westminster Medal for Military Literature.

The Internationalists: How a Radical Plan to Outlaw War Remade the World by Oona A. Hathaway and Scott J. Shapiro, published by Simon & Schuster

“*The Internationalists: How a Radical Plan to Outlaw War Remade the World*, by Oona A. Hathaway and Scott J. Shapiro, is a riveting account of the people who created the Kellogg-Briand Pact in 1928. It tells

the story of visionaries who tried to limit war through law and traces the impact of international law on the promotion of peace in the post-World War II era. A splendid, thought-provoking read by masterly pens that even skeptics will enjoy.” The 2018 Lionel Gelber Prize Jury

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Scott J. Shapiro is the Charles F. Southmayd Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at Yale Law School and the Director of the Center for Law and Philosophy. He lives in New Haven, Connecticut.

Asia’s Reckoning: China, Japan, and the Fate of U.S. Power in the Pacific Century by Richard McGregor, published by Viking/Penguin Random House

“No region is more important to contemporary global security and economic relations than the Asia Pacific. Richard McGregor, in *Asia’s Reckoning: China, Japan, and the Fate of U.S. Power in the Pacific Century* describes the challenges the United States faces in light of the rivalry between Japan and China – Japan as a steadfast U.S. ally and China as the rising power. This important book provides a significant and often overlooked perspective on the trilateral relationship that is shaping the Pacific Century.” The 2018 Lionel Gelber Prize Jury

Richard McGregor is a journalist and an author with extensive experience in reporting from East Asia and the United States, most recently for the *Financial Times* as bureau chief in Beijing and Washington. He was a 2015 fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. His work has appeared in *The New York Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*, and *Foreign Policy*, and he has appeared on the Charlie Rose Show, the BBC, and NPR. His previous book, *The Party*, won numerous awards, including the 2011 Asia Society book of the year and the Asian book of the year prize from Japan’s Mainichi Shimbun.