Janice Stein Chairs International Jury for the 29th Annual Lionel Gelber Prize

For Immediate Release: January 8, 2019 (Toronto and Washington): In announcing the jurors for the 2019 Lionel Gelber Prize, Patricia Rubin, Chair of the Lionel Gelber Foundation said: “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.”

About the 2019 Prize Jury:
Janice Stein, Jury Chair (Toronto, Canada) is joined by Anne Applebaum (Warsaw, Poland and London, England), Sir Lawrence Freedman (London, England), Shalini Randeria (Vienna, Austria and Geneva, Switzerland), and Frank E. Sysyn (Toronto, Canada).

Key Dates:
The Jury will announce its shortlist of five books on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in conjunction with the release of podcast interviews with each of the finalists in conversation with Robert Steiner and presented in partnership with Focus Asset Management. The winner will be revealed on Tuesday, February 26 and invited to speak at a free public event in Toronto at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

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 and Public Policy at the University of Toronto.

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About the 2019 Lionel Gelber Prize Jury:

Janice Gross Stein, Jury Chair (Toronto, Canada) is the Belzberg Professor of Conflict Management in the Department of Political Science and the Founding Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and an Honorary Foreign Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She was the Massey Lecturer in 2001 and a Trudeau Fellow. She was awarded the Molson Prize by the Canada Council for an outstanding contribution by a social scientist to public debate. She has received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from four universities and is a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario. She is a frequent contributor to CBC and TVO and has just launched a new podcast called Disrupting the Global Order.
Anne Applebaum (Warsaw, Poland and London, England) is a columnist for the Washington Post and a prize-winning historian with a particular expertise in the history of communist and post-communist Europe. She is also a Professor of Practice at the London School of Economics, where she runs ARENA, a research project on disinformation and 21st century propaganda. She is the author of several books, including Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine, which won the 2018 Lionel Gelber Prize; Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe; and Gulag: A History, which won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction. Both Gulag: A History and Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe were nominated for the National Book Award. Anne is a former member of the Washington Post editorial board, a former deputy editor of the Spectator magazine, and a former Warsaw correspondent of The Economist. She has lectured at many universities, including Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Oxford, Cambridge, Zurich and Humboldt. She writes regularly for the New York Review of Books, Foreign Affairs and many other publications.

Sir Lawrence Freedman (London, England) was Professor of War Studies at King’s College London between 1982 and 2014 and Vice-Principal of the College from 2003 to 2013. He now holds the position of ‘Emeritus Professor’ in the Department of War Studies. Before joining King’s, Sir Lawrence held research positions at Nuffield College Oxford, IISS and the Royal Institute of International Affairs. In 1997, he was appointed as Official Historian of the Falklands Campaign and in 2009 was appointed to serve as a member of the official inquiry into Britain and the 2003 Iraq War. His book A Choice of Enemies, won the 2009 Lionel Gelber Prize and the Duke of Westminster Medal for Military Literature. His most recent books are Strategy: A History (2013) and The future of War: A History (2017), which was shortlisted for the Lionel Gelber Prize in 2018.

Shalini Randeria (Vienna, Austria and Geneva, Switzerland) is the Rector of the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, Professor of Social Anthropology and Sociology at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, as well as the Director of the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy. She is currently a member of the editorial boards of the American Ethnologist, Public Anthropologist and of The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology as well as a member of the Advisory Board of the journal Comparative Migration Studies and the Scientific Committee of the Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy (DED), Danube-University. She serves on the Board of European Forum Alpbach, the Board of Trustees of the Central European University (CEU), the Academic Advisory Board of the Wien Museum as well as the Advisory Board of the Higher Education Support Program of the Open Society Foundations. Her research foci include the anthropology of law, state and policy, particularly the transnationalisation of law, normative pluralism, reproductive rights, population policy and gender, displacement and privatisation of common property resources; the anthropology of globalisation and development; post-coloniality and multiple modernities; and civil society, social movements and NGOs.
Frank E. Sysyn (Toronto, Canada) is director of the Peter Jacyk Centre for Ukrainian Historical Research at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), professor in the Department of History and Classics at the University of Alberta, head of the CIUS office at the University of Toronto, and editor in chief of the Hrushevsky Translation Project, the English translation of the multi-volume History of Ukraine-Rus’ (10 volumes to date). He is head of the executive committee of the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) at CIUS and a member of the editorial board of Harvard Ukrainian Studies and East-West: A Journal of Ukrainian Studies. He has taught at the University of Alberta, Harvard University, Columbia University, Stanford University, and other institutions. A specialist in East Central European history, he is the author of Between Poland and the Ukraine: The Dilemma of Adam Kysil, 1600-1653 (1985), Mykhailo Hrushevsky: Historian and National Awakener (2001), and studies on the Khmelnytsky Uprising, Ukrainian historiography, early modern Ukrainian political culture, modern Ukrainian religious history, and the Holodomor. He is also coauthor with Serhii Plokhy of Religion and Nation in Modern Ukraine (2003) and co-editor with Martin Schulze Wessel of Religion, Nation, and Secularization in Ukraine (2015), co-editor with Andrea Graziosi of Communism and Hunger: The Ukrainian, Chinese, Kazakh, and Soviet Famines (2016) and editor in chief of the three-volume collected work of Father Mykhailo Zubryts’kyi : Vol. 1 Scholarly Works (2013) and Vol. 2 Materials toward a Biography (2016).