Janice Stein Chairs International Jury for the 30th Annual Awarding of the Lionel Gelber Prize

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Janice Stein leads an international jury of thought leaders—Cameron Abadi, a deputy editor at Foreign Policy magazine; Sir Lawrence Freedman, distinguished author and former winner of the Lionel Gelber Prize; Margaret MacMillan, professor of History and award-winning author; Kishore Mahbubani, veteran diplomat and celebrated author; and Jeffrey Simpson, Canada’s most decorated journalist—for the awarding of this year’s Lionel Gelber Prize.

"We are so pleased to announce the jurors for the 2020 Lionel Gelber Prize, which was created in memory of our uncle, a Canadian scholar, diplomat and author," said Sara Charney, Chair of the Lionel Gelber Prize Board. "This marks the thirtieth anniversary of the annual Prize, which has been continuously awarded since 1990. We are delighted that the Prize attracts such distinguished jurors, year over year."

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.

Key Dates:
The Jury will announce its shortlist of five books for the 2020 Lionel Gelber Prize on Tuesday, February 11 and reveal the winner on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

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About the 2020 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, BBC and TVO.

**Cameron Abadi** (Berlin, Germany) is a deputy editor at *Foreign Policy*. He previously worked at the *New Republic* and *Foreign Affairs* and as a correspondent in Germany and Iran. His writing has appeared in *Bloomberg Businessweek*, the *New Yorker*, the *New Republic*, and *Der Spiegel*.

**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); *The Future of War: A History* (2017), and *Ukraine and the Art of Strategy* (2019).
Margaret MacMillan (Toronto and Oxford) is professor of History at the University of Toronto and an emeritus professor of International History at Oxford University. She was Provost of Trinity College, Toronto from 2002 – 2007 and Warden of St Antony’s College, Oxford from 2007 – 2017. She is currently a trustee of the Central European University and the Imperial War Museum. Her research specializes in British imperial history and the international history of the 19th and 20th centuries. Publications include Paris, 1919: Six Months That Changed the World; Nixon and Mao and The War that Ended Peace. She gave the CBC’s Massey lectures in 2015 and the BBC’s Reith Lectures in 2018. Awards include the Samuel Johnson prize for non-fiction and the Governor-General’s literary award and she has honorary degrees from several universities and is an honorary Fellow of the British Academy. She is also a Companion of the Order of Canada.

Kishore Mahbubani (Singapore) is a Distinguished Fellow at the National University of Singapore’s Asia Research Institute. A veteran diplomat, student of philosophy and celebrated author, his career has taken him from Singapore’s Chargé d'Affaires to wartime Cambodia (1973 – 1974) and President of the UN Security Council (Jan 2001, May 2002) to the Founding Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (2004 – 2017). His seven books (including his latest Has the West Lost It?) have earned him global recognition as “the muse of the Asian century.” He was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in October 2019. Mahbubani currently serves as Chair of the Jury Panel of the Singapore History Prize and is a member of Yale University’s President’s Council on International Activities (PCIA), the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on China and the Singapore Social Science Research Council. He has also served as Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Nominating Committee.
For more than 40 years, Jeffrey Simpson (Ottawa, Canada) wrote for The Globe and Mail, 32 of which were as national affairs columnist. He wrote seven books, one of which won the Governor-General’s award, another the $50,000 Donner Prize for the best book on public policy. He won the National Newspaper award twice, and the National Magazine award for column writing. He also won the Hyman Solomon Award for excellence in public policy journalism, the Arthur Kroeger award for contributions to public discourse, and the Charles Lynch Award for excellence in political journalism. In 2000, he became an Officer of the Order of Canada. He has received eight honorary degrees from Canadian universities, spoken at more than 600 conferences, penned more than 6,000 columns, and been a guest lecturer at Harvard, Oxford, Princeton, Brigham Young, Johns Hopkins, Maine, California and many universities in Canada. He is now a senior fellow at the University of Ottawa Graduate School of Policy and International Affairs and a member of the executive committee of that university’s board of governors. He retired from The Globe and Mail in 2016 but continues to speak at conferences and lecture at universities.