

Lionel Gelber Prize 2017 Jury Announced

Five International Thought Leaders Join to Name the Best Books on Foreign Affairs and Select a Winner

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For Immediate Release: January 3, 2017 (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 2017 Prize, as follows:

John Stackhouse, jury chair (Toronto, Canada) is joined by 2016 Lionel Gelber Prize winner and journalist Scott Shane (Maryland, USA), Professor Allison Stanger (Vermont, USA), Dr. Astrid Tuminez (Singapore), and Professor Antje Wiener (Hamburg, Germany) to form the 2017 jury.

"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 the late Lionel Gelber.

Key Dates:

Five books will be named to the jury's shortlist on January 31. Podcast interviews with each of the shortlisted authors in conversation with Professor Robert Steiner will be presented in partnership with Focus Asset Management. The winner will be announced on February 28 and invited to speak at a free public event at the Munk School of Global Affairs on March 29, 2017.

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.

Scott Shane won the 2016 Prize for his book Objective Troy: A Terrorist, a President, and the Rise of the Drone, published by Tim Duggan Books. The Prize marked its 25th anniversary in 2015 with a commemorative video that explored 25 years of global change in conversation with five of its previous winners.

For further details, jury biographies and media links, click here.

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