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Lionel Gelber Prize unveils shortlist

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An examination of Britain's role in the American Civil War, a portrait of Cold War-era Berlin in 1961, the biography of an influential American historian and diplomat, and two books about China comprise the shortlist for this year's Lionel Gelber Prize, which celebrates the best non-fiction books on foreign affairs.

The nominees for the \$15,000 prize are Amanda Foreman for *A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War*; Frederick Kempe for *Berlin 1961: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the Most Dangerous Place on Earth*; Ezra F. Vogel for *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China*; John Lewis Gaddis for *George F. Kennan: An American Life*; and Henry Kissinger for *On China*.

"The essence of international relations is how we deal with the changing realities of power: often, the rise and fall of nations and state systems," said jury chair George Russell in a press release. "This year's extraordinarily strong list of Lionel Gelber Prize finalists deals with this fundamental issue around the globe and throughout modern history. Taken together, the books, by an extremely gifted and knowledgeable group of authors, almost amount to a post-doctoral course on the topic at the center of the Prize."

The winner of the prize, which was founded in 1989 in memory of Canadian diplomat Lionel Gelber, will be announced February 27; he or she will deliver a free public lecture on March 15 at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.