

NOTICE OF EVENT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 8:00 PM

HARBOURFRONT'S FLECK DANCE THEATRE, 207 QUEENS QUAY WEST, TORONTO

CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE WINNER AND GLOBE AND MAIL NATIONAL AFFAIRS COLUMNIST TALK RELIGION AND AMERICAN POLITICS AT IFOA'S FIRST SATURDAY NIGHT LECTURE

THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS (IFOA) once again joins forces with The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction (CTP) for an evening of literary discussion featuring CTP 2013 winner, Andrew Preston, author of *Sword of the Spirit, Shield of Faith: Religion in American War and Diplomacy*. Dr. Preston will be joined onstage by Governor General's Literary Award winner and *Globe and Mail* columnist Jeffrey Simpson. The Saturday night event will be held at the Fleck Dance Theatre in Harbourfront's Queen's Quay Terminal Building on Queen's Quay West. Andrew Preston will give a keynote address, followed by an onstage interview with Jeffrey Simpson. CTP founder Noreen Taylor will speak about the prize.

"In light of current events, Andrew Preston's well-researched reflections on the religious underpinnings of American Foreign and Domestic Policy offer important insights into what we as Canadians are like, as well as offering close inspection of our neighbours to the South, said Mrs. Taylor. "As for Jeffrey Simpson, his background in both Canadian and American affairs is justifiably award-winning. With Jeffrey interviewing Andrew, I think we are all in for a treat. It will be nothing short of brain candy."

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WHO: ANDREW PRESTON (Cambridge, England) is the winner of The 2013 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction for *Sword of the Spirit, Shield of Faith: Religion in American War and Diplomacy*, published by Knopf Canada. Preston teaches American history and international relations history at Cambridge University, where he is a fellow of Clare College. Before Cambridge, he taught history and international studies at Yale University. He has also taught at universities in Canada and Switzerland and has been a fellow at the Cold War Studies Program at the London School of Economics. He was born in Ontario and received his BA from the University of Toronto.

JEFFREY SIMPSON is the national affairs columnist at *The Globe and Mail* and the author of eight books, including *Chronic Condition: Dragging Canada's Health-Care*

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System into the 21st Century, which won the 2013 Donner Prize for the best book on public policy and is currently shortlisted for the City of Ottawa Book Awards. An Officer of the Order of Canada, he is a senior fellow at the University of Ottawa's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. He was a juror for The 2009 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction and the 2012 Cundill prize in History at McGill, for which Andrew Preston was shortlisted. Jeffrey Simpson lives in Ottawa with his wife Wendy. They have three children.

THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE FOR LITERARY NON-FICTION recognizes excellence in Canadian non-fiction writing and emphasizes the development of the careers of the authors it celebrates. The trustees of the Charles Taylor Foundation are Michael Bradley (Toronto), Judith Mappin (Montréal), David Staines (Ottawa), and Noreen Taylor (Toronto).

THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS presents a wide range of readings, round table discussions, on-stage interviews, book signings and a number of special events featuring the most exciting authors in contemporary literature. This year's 34th annual IFOA takes place from October 24 to November 3, 2013.