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Author and Historian John Lukacs Gives the George Herbert Walker, Jr. Lecture



March 7, 2006. New Haven, CT ♦ John Lukacs, the eminent author and historian, will be the speaker at the George Herbert Walker, Jr. Lecture in International Studies on Thursday, March 30. His talk, entitled "Popular Tides and The Ship of State" will be held at 4pm, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven. It is sponsored by the Yale Center for International and Area Studies and is free and open to the public.

Praised by critics as a historian who has the literary talents of a novelist, John Lukacs is the author of more than 20 books, including *The Hitler of History* (1997), in which Lukacs studies German Chancellor Adolf Hitler's life by examining the more than one hundred biographies written about him. A recipient of the Ingersoll Prize, his other books include *The Great Powers and Eastern Europe* (1954), *A History of the Cold War* (1961), *Outgrowing Democracy: A Historical Interpretation of the U.S. in the 20th Century* (1984), and *The Duel (Hitler vs. Churchill 10 May–31 August 1940)* (1991). His most recent book, *Democracy and Populism*, was published by the Yale University Press, as will be his next book, *June 1941: Hitler and Stalin* (due out this month).

Lukacs served from 1947–94 as professor of history at Chestnut Hill College, and as its department chair from 1947–74. He also served as a visiting professor at many universities, including Columbia, Princeton, Johns Hopkins University, and at the University of Budapest in his native Hungary.

The Hon. George Herbert Walker III, currently the United States Ambassador to Hungary, established this Lecture series in 1986 in memory of his father, a distinguished graduate of the Yale Class of 1927. Previous George Herbert Walker, Jr. lecturers in International Studies have included Jesus Silva-Herzog, David Lange, Bruce Gelb, Strobe Talbott, Paul Wolfowitz, Edward Jaycox, George Schultz, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Madeleine Albright, Brent Scowcroft, James Baker III, George Mitchell, Richard Holbrooke, Carla Hills, Richard Haass and Tom Lantos.

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