2010 BOOK POINTING TO CANADA AS EXAMPLE OF FISCAL DISCIPLINE WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Atlas Economic Research Foundation announced the winner of the 22nd Annual Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award. The <u>MacDonald-Laurier Institute</u> of Canada won for its 2010 publication <u>The Canadian</u> <u>Century: Moving out of America's Shadow</u>, by Brian Lee Crowley, Jason Clemens and Niels Veldhuis.

Crowley will accept the award on behalf of The MacDonald-Laurier Institute at the annual <u>Fisher Memorial Award Dinner</u> in Dallas, Texas on April 27, 2011. The award includes a \$10,000 prize.

"The Fisher Award recognizes books published by think tanks that can help create a future marked by more freedom and more prosperity," said Atlas CEO Brad Lips. "What this institute has done is provide a success story of fiscal discipline and reform that many nations desperately need today."

Headed for bankruptcy in the 1990s, Canada embarked on a series of reforms and cuts that produced a balanced federal budget by 1997-1998. This remarkable shift away from fiscal disaster emerged at both the federal and provincial levels of government as leadership made the important decisions to reign in out-of-control spending and reform entitlements.

"For our new institute to be honored with this award in our first year of operation exceeds all my hopes," said Crowley. "Canada has shown how fiscal discipline, social program reform and limited government pay dividends to every part of society, and we wanted to make sure the world had a chance to learn from Canada's example."

The 22nd annual Sir Antony Fisher Memorial Award received 65 nominations from 22 countries.

Award finalists included <u>Institute of Economic Affairs</u> (UK) for its publication <u>Verdict on</u> <u>the Crash: Causes and Policy Implications</u>; <u>Istituto Bruno Leoni</u> (Italy) for <u>Eppur si</u> <u>muove: Come cambia la sanità in Europa, fra pubblico e privato</u> (Still it Moves: How *European Healthcare is Changing between Public and Private*); <u>Association for Liberal</u> <u>Thinking</u> (Turkey) for <u>Toleration, The Liberal Virtue</u>; <u>Cato Institue</u> for <u>Mad about Trade</u>; <u>Instituto Ecuatoriano de Economía Política</u> (Ecuador) for <u>Economía: Descubriendo la</u> <u>Escuela Austriaca de Economía Política</u> (Economics: Discovering the Austrian School of Political Economics); and <u>Institut für Wertewirtschaft</u> (Austria) for <u>Krankes Geld, kranke</u> <u>Welt – Analyse und Therapie der Großen Depression</u> (Sick Money, Sick World – Analysis and Therapy of the Great Depression</u>).

About The Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award

The Fisher Award annually recognizes institutes producing outstanding publications that enhance the public understanding of a free society. The Award was established in 1990 in honor of Atlas's late founder, the late Sir Antony Fisher. Past winners have included Timbro (for Johan Norberg's *In Defense of Global Capitalism*); Instituto Democracia y Libertad (for Hernando De Soto's *The Mystery of Capital*), and the Cato Institute (for James Tooley's *The Beautiful Tree*).

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