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This year's O.D. Skelton Memorial Lecture by Professor Michael Ignatieff is entitled "Peace, Order and Good Government: A Foreign Policy Agenda for Canada."