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## McDOUGALL ANNOUNCES NEW FOREIGN POLICY LECTURE SERIES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that External Affairs and International Trade Canada is inaugurating a new annual foreign policy lecture series in honour of Dr. O.D. Skelton, who was a prime architect of the department and of Canadian foreign policy.

The first O.D. Skelton Memorial Lecture will be given by Mr. Allan Gotlieb, former Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and former Canadian Ambassador to the This year's lecture United States, December 10, in Toronto. will be part of a conference commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the Statute of Westminster.

Described by one of Canada's foremost historians as the most influential civil servant in Canadian history, O.D. Skelton helped to define a distinct Canadian foreign policy as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs from 1925 until his death in January 1941. He was also responsible for recruiting a number of notable Canadians to Ottawa including Georges Vanier, Jules Léger and Lester B. Pearson.

Mr. Gotlieb's lecture will be published and made available by External Affairs and International Trade Canada.

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