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## **THE MANHATTAN INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES SHORTLIST FOR HAYEK BOOK PRIZE**

New York, NY (March 8, 2017) —The [Manhattan Institute](http://manhattan-institute.org) has announced the shortlist for its annual [Hayek Book Prize](http://manhattan-institute.org). The prize, awarded in New York each year, celebrates authors who best represent the principles of F.A. Hayek.

The finalists are:

- *Illiberal Reformers: Race, Eugenics, and American Economics in the Progressive Era*, by Thomas Leonard (Princeton University Press)
- *Bourgeois Equality: How Ideas, Not Capital or Institutions, Enriched the World*, by Deirdre McCloskey (University of Chicago Press)
- *A Culture of Growth: The Origins of the Modern Economy*, by Joel Mokyr (Princeton University Press)
- *Progress: Ten Reasons to Look Forward to the Future*, by Johan Norberg (Oneworld Publications)
- *The Logic of the Market: An Insider's View of Chinese Economic Reform*, by Weiying Zhang, translated by Matthew Dale (Cato Institute)

Amity Shlaes, who chairs the jury for the prize, said, “In keeping with the spirit of Sir Antony Fisher, our jury considers books that treat ideas, rather than books with political ends. Ideas matter more than individual politicians, as Fisher and Hayek knew.”

Manhattan Institute President Lawrence Mone added, “We are honored to recognize these five finalists for the Hayek Book Prize. Each work strengthens the argument for free markets and affirms the power of the human spirit.”

The winner, who will receive a \$50,000 award, will be announced in the spring and will deliver the annual Hayek lecture in New York on June 13th.

## About the Hayek Lecture and Book Prize

Political philosopher and Nobel laureate F. A. Hayek, author of groundbreaking works such as *The Road to Serfdom* and *The Constitution of Liberty*, was the key figure in the twentieth century revival of classical liberalism. He was also a formative influence on the Manhattan Institute. When our founder, Sir Antony Fisher, asked how best to reverse the erosion of freedom, Hayek advised him not to begin with politics *per se* but to fight first on the battlefield of ideas. The Hayek Lecture and Prize affirm and celebrate this mission.

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