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Timothy Snyder is the Richard C. Levin Professor of History at Yale University and a permanent fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna. He speaks five and reads ten European languages.

His ten chief books are *Nationalism, Marxism, and Modern Central Europe: A Biography of Kazimierz Kelles-Krauz* (1998); *The Reconstruction of Nations: Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus, 1569-1999* (2003); *Sketches from a Secret War: A Polish Artist's Mission to Liberate Soviet Ukraine* (2005); *The Red Prince: The Secret Lives of a Habsburg Archduke* (2008); *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin* (2010), *Thinking the Twentieth Century* (with Tony Judt, 2012); *Black Earth: The Holocaust as History and Warning* (2015); *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century* (2017); *The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America* (2018); and *Our Malady: Lessons in Liberty from a Hospital Diary* (2020). He has also co-edited three further books: *The Wall Around the West: State Borders and Immigration Controls in Europe and North America* (2001); *Stalin and Europe: Terror, War, Domination* (2013); and *The Balkans as Europe* (2018). His essays are collected in *Ukrainian History, Russian Politics, European Futures* (2014), and *The Politics of Life and Death* (2015).

Snyder's work has appeared in forty languages and has received a number of prizes, including the Emerson Prize in the Humanities, the Literature Award of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Václav Havel Foundation prize, the Foundation for Polish Science prize in the social sciences, the Leipzig Award for European Understanding, the Dutch Auschwitz Committee award, and the Hannah Arendt Prize in Political Thought.

Snyder was a Marshall Scholar at Oxford, has received the Carnegie and Guggenheim fellowships, and holds state orders from Estonia, Lithuania, and Poland. He has appeared in documentaries, on network television, and in major films. His books have inspired poster campaigns and exhibitions, films, sculpture, a punk rock song, a rap song, a play, and an opera. His words are quoted in political demonstrations around the world, most recently in Hong Kong. He is researching a family history of nationalism and finishing a philosophical book about freedom.

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Naomi Kikoler is the director of the Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide. As the Center's deputy director, she led the Center's policy engagement with the United States government and work on Bearing Witness countries, including undertaking the documentation of the commission of genocide by ISIS. Previously she developed and implemented the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect's work on populations at risk and efforts to advance R2P globally and led the Centre's advocacy, including targeting the United Nations Security Council.

Prior to joining the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect in 2008, she worked on national security and refugee law and policy for Amnesty International Canada. She has also worked for the UN Office of the Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, the Office of the Prosecutor at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and the Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement at the Brookings Institution, and she worked as an election monitor in Kenya with the Carter Center.

She has been an adjunct professor at the New School University and is the author of numerous publications, including the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's 2015 report, *Our Generation is Gone: The Islamic States Targeting of Minorities in Ninewa*, the 2013 Nexus Fund series on the emerging powers and mass atrocity prevention, and the 2011 report *Risk Factors and Legal Norms Associated with Genocide Prevention* for the UN Office on the Prevention of Genocide and the Jacob Blaustein Institute.

She is a graduate of McGill University's Faculty of Law, Oxford University, where her masters thesis was on the Rwandan genocide, and the University of Toronto. She is a board member of the Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, the Free Yezidi Foundation, is a Fellow at the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, and was called to the Bar of Upper Canada.