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CBC's Peter Mansbridge to speak at Laurier

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WATERLOO – CBC Television's chief news correspondent Peter Mansbridge will be at Wilfrid Laurier University March 15 at 7 p.m. to deliver a talk entitled, *Canada and Canadians in a Changing World*.

His address will be the first in an annual speaker series organized and funded by the Arts Students' Advancement Program (ASAP).

"The goal of the ASAP Speaker Series is to foster an increased understanding about our role in the world, and what that means for arts students, and the Laurier community more broadly. As such, we are delighted and honoured to have Peter Mansbridge be the inaugural speaker of the ASAP Annual Speaker Series," said Aamir Taiyeb, chair of the student group.

Mansbridge has been with CBC for 40 years. He became chief correspondent of *CBC Television News* and anchor of the network's flagship news program *The National* in 1988. He also hosts his own show, *Mansbridge: One on One*. He was on the scene for stories such as the fall of the Berlin Wall and the state funeral of Pierre Trudeau. He covered the funeral of Pope John Paul II, the events surrounding the terrorist attacks of 9-11 and the recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. He has won 12 Gemini Awards for excellence in broadcast journalism, and numerous honorary degrees from Canadian universities.

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ASAP is a student-run organization that funds initiatives to enhance arts students' educational experiences, such as supporting students to attend academic conferences.

Mansbridge's talk, which will be held in Laurier's Senate and Board Chamber starting at 7 p.m. March 15, is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For further information, please email asap@wlu.ca or contact Aamir Taiyeb at taiy4320@wlu.ca.

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