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### **Distinguished historian and Nobel official to discuss U.S.-European relations**

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WATERLOO — A leading expert on U.S./European foreign relations — and a key figure in the Nobel Peace Prize process — will be speaking in Waterloo on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Dr. Geir Lundestad, director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute since 1990 and an adjunct professor of international history at the University of Oslo, will be one of the plenary speakers at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Tri-University History Conference hosted by Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Guelph and the University of Waterloo. The title of his address is “Just another major crisis? American-European relations after the end of the Cold War.”

Lundestad, who has been a research fellow at Harvard University and at the Woodrow Wilson Center, is the author of numerous books on the relationship between the United States and Europe, including *The American Non-policy towards Eastern Europe 1943-1947*, *The Fall of Great Powers: Peace, Stability and Legitimacy*, and *The United States and Western Europe since 1945: From ‘Empire’ by Invitation to Transatlantic Drift*.

He will be speaking Saturday from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. at St. George Hall, 655 King St. N., Waterloo.

#### **Note to Editors:**

Media only are invited to attend a small presentation by Lundestad on **Friday, Nov. 9, from 2-4 p.m.** in the Dean’s Board Room (Room 5-103) of the Dr. Alvin Woods Building at Wilfrid Laurier University. It is expected that Lundestad will be speaking to a small group of students about his work with the Nobel Peace Prize committee. **Reporters wishing to attend should contact Dr. David Monod at 519-884-0710, Ext. 3261.**

The Tri-University Graduate Program in History combines the faculty and resources of Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Guelph and the University of Waterloo. The Tri-University program integrates the scholarship and experience of more than 60 graduate faculty, making it one of the largest graduate history programs in Canada.