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AMERICAN ECONOMIST JOSEPH E. STIGLITZ TO RECEIVE A NEW LITERARY PRIZE AND GIVE A TALK IN MONTREAL AS PART OF A FORUM ON SOCIAL INEQUALITY

A partnership between Blue Metropolis Festival and the Observatoire québécois des inégalités

Montreal, March 14th- In partnership with the Observatoire québécois des inégalités, Blue Metropolis International Literary Festival will hold a forum on social inequality during its next edition, from May 2 to 5, 2019. This new forum for reflection and intercultural mediation will bring together writers, thinkers, researchers, journalists and other stakeholders in civil society to discuss key issues related to social inequality and social innovation.

With its **Perspectives on Social Inequality** series, Blue Metropolis Festival and the Observatoire aim to create a forum for discussion and action through literature – fiction, poetry and non-fiction – and its role in the construction of imaginary realms. It's at this crossroads, at the intersection of literature, thinking about social issues and scientific knowledge that the literary and academic worlds will come together, for the enjoyment of an inquisitive and enthusiastic audience.

THE ANTHONY ATKINSON EQUALITY PRIZE WILL BE PRESENTED TO JOSEPH E. STIGLITZ AT THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL

Established this year by the Observatoire and the Festival, the Anthony Atkinson Equality Prize is undoubtedly the highlight of Blue Metropolis Festival's programming on social issues, and the award ceremony, to take place April 29, promises to be well attended. This prize is awarded in recognition of an accessible scholarly work that has made a significant contribution to the public debate on economic and social inequality, and that proposes solutions to reduce such inequality. The work must have been written in, or translated into, either French or English within the last decade. It must be published by a Canadian, American or European publishing house, and be available in Canada. The prize is endowed with an amount of \$5,000 CAN. The acclaimed British economist, Anthony B. Atkinson (1944-2017), authored an impressive body of work, which has contributed to a better understanding of economic inequality.

The prize will be presented during an award ceremony to be held at the Université de Montréal and will be followed by a talk by Professor Stiglitz. The university's rector and the director of the CÉRIUM, both partners in this event, will be in attendance. The prize will be awarded by Judith Atkinson, Anthony Atkinson's widow.

- **When:** Monday, April 29, 2019, 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- **Where:** Université de Montréal, Pavillon Roger-Gaudry, Amphithéâtre Ernest-Cormier (K-500)
- **Registration:** Free admission, registration required

Detailed programming for the **21st edition of Blue Metropolis International Literary Festival** and its Perspectives on Social Inequality series will be unveiled April 3 at 11 a.m. It will be available online that same day at: bluemetropolis.org

Blue Metropolis at a glance

Blue Metropolis Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1997 that brings together people from different cultures to share the pleasures of reading and writing, and encourages creativity and intercultural understanding. The Foundation produces an **annual literary festival** and offers a wide range of **educational and social programs** year-round, both in classrooms and online. These programs use reading and writing as therapeutic tools, to encourage academic perseverance and fight against poverty and social isolation.

The Observatoire québécois des inégalités

The mission of the Observatoire québécois des inégalités, which is based at the Université de Montréal, is to encourage the reduction of inequalities in income, opportunity and quality of life when they are too great – in other words, when they create significant costs for the economy and for society – by promoting and disseminating objective, rigorous and accessible scientific knowledge. A non-partisan organization, the Observatoire combines credibility and accessibility in order to provide stakeholders in the public discussion with the information required to comprehend and positively influence the evolution of economic and social inequality in Quebec.

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