

Toronto Annual Ukrainian Famine Lecture

Why Stalin Feared Ukraine and Why Putin Fears It Today



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Anne Applebaum is a columnist for *The Washington Post* and *Slate* who frequently writes on Ukraine, Eastern Europe, and communism. Her most recent book, *Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe, 1944–1956*, depicts the imposition of Soviet totalitarianism in Central Europe after the Second World War. *Iron Curtain* won the Cundill Prize for Historical Literature, the Duke of Westminster Medal, and an Arthur Ross Silver Medal from the Council on Foreign Relations and was shortlisted for the National Book Award and Pen/Faulkner Award.

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About the Toronto Annual Ukrainian Famine Lecture

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