

# MEDIA INVITATION

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## Author and Journalist Andrew Cohen at Pearson College UWC

*Biographer marks 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Mike” Pearson’s Nobel Peace Prize*

**Metchosin** – Award-winning Canadian author, academic and journalist Andrew Cohen will be the feature guest at the Friday, Dec. 1 session of the Pearson College UWC Speaker Series on the Metchosin campus.

The Montreal native is a [noted scholar](#) of former prime minister, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and inspiration for Canada’s only United World College, Lester B. “Mike” Pearson. December marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearson being awarded the Nobel for his work to establish UN Peacekeeping forces and defuse the Suez Crisis – as Cohen outlines in his biography of the great diplomat, [Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B Pearson](#).

Cohen, a respected national media columnist, writes widely on international affairs and Canadian politics and has authored several other titles including: *Two Days in June*; *John F. Kennedy and the 48 Hours That Made History*; *The Unfinished Canadian: The People We Are* and *While Canada Slept: How we Lost our Place in the World*.

**Who:** Canadian journalist, author & academic **Andrew Cohen**

**What:** Pearson College UWC Speaker Series

**Where:** [McConnell Theatre/Max Bell Hall/Pearson College UWC, 650 Pearson College Drive, Victoria B.C.](#)

**When:** 7:00 pm Friday, 1 December 2017

**Why:** Cohen, a noted writer and scholar will share his perspective on Canada’s legacy and current approach to foreign affairs with students and community members

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### About Andrew Cohen

Andrew Cohen is a professor of journalism and international affairs at Carleton University. He has an undergraduate degree in political science from McGill University and graduate degrees in journalism and international relations from Carleton University. Between 1991 and 1993, he was a Visiting Fellow at the University of Cambridge. He has recently returned from a year at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin.

Over a 30-year career, he has worked at home and abroad for The Ottawa Citizen, United Press International, Time, The Financial Post, Saturday Night and The Globe and Mail, where he was a member of the Editorial Board, a columnist and foreign correspondent in Washington. He has won two National Newspaper Awards, three National Magazine Awards and the Queen's Jubilee Medal. He has written and co-edited five books, among them *The Unfinished Canadian: The People We Are*, and *While Canada Slept: How We Lost Our Place in the World*, a national bestseller and a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction.

### About [Pearson College UWC](http://www.pearsoncollege.ca)

Pearson College UWC ([www.pearsoncollege.ca](http://www.pearsoncollege.ca)) is Canada's most globally-minded school and one of 17 United World Colleges around the globe. With an enrolment of up to 200 students, the College draws accomplished young leaders and change makers, ages 16-19, from more than 150 countries and every province and territory of Canada. Pearson's two-year, pre-university curriculum is based on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program with a strong emphasis on experiential education at the residential campus on Pedder Bay near the southern tip of Vancouver Island. The College opened in 1974 and was created as a living legacy for former prime minister and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Lester B. Pearson. The College purposely recruits a deliberately diverse student body, including young people from regions of conflict and challenging socioeconomic circumstances, to encourage young people to learn and live together to bring about meaningful changes in their communities and across the globe.

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