



# DOES HISTORY MATTER?

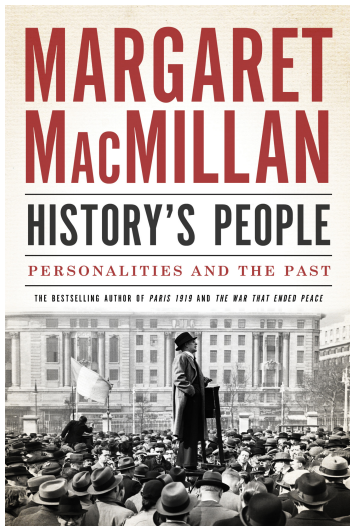
A lecture by **Margaret MacMillan**

## HISTORY can be dangerous.

Oversimplified and one-sided stories from the past can be used to stir up resentments and grievances, mobilize hatreds, support unreasonable claims, and justify attacks on others. Yet we need good history to help us make sense of our world and where it might be headed. History is key to understanding the motives, the hope and the fears of others, and, equally important, ourselves. Knowledge of the past is also helpful for decision makers because it offers instructive analogies and warnings of potentially dangerous outcomes. This lecture explores some of the ways in which history has been used and abused in the recent past. Margaret MacMillan will draw on examples from her work on the outbreak of the First World War, the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, and the international relations of the 20th century.

*Event is **FREE** and open to the public*

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