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Media Advisory

Can Geo Talks Presents: Geir Kløver

Lessons from the Arctic: How Roald Amundsen Won the Race to the South Pole

What: Mr Geir Kløver is considered to be the world's foremost expert on the legendary Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, the first person to reach the South Pole in 1911. Amundsen was also the first European to traverse the Northwest Passage (1903 – 1906).

Who: Ms Trine Skei Grande, Minister of Culture, Government of Norway
Mr Geir Kløver, Director, Fram Museum & best-selling author of *Lessons from the Arctic: How Roald Amundsen Won the Race to the South Pole*
Ms Carole Saad, Vice-President, Events, The Royal Canadian Geographical Society

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018, 7 p.m.

Location: 50 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario * *Parking spaces are limited. Carpooling is encouraged.*

After years of studying Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen's journals, it became clear to Mr Kløver that Amundsen was different to most other European explorers of his time. His success firmly rests on the knowledge he gained from his strong relationship with Nunavut's Netsilik Inuit – a friendship he valued deeply.

Mr Kløver will explore some of the fascinating lessons Amundsen learned from Inuit and share exclusive insights from Amundsen's personal notes about Inuit customs such as igloo building, dog sledding, hunting and fishing for survival — skills that Amundsen successfully employed years later in the race to become the first person to reach the South Pole.

Mr Kløver has reconnected with the Canadian Arctic communities that supported Amundsen in his exploration, particularly the community of Gjøa Haven, to continue learning from the oral history of Amundsen's incredible partnership with Inuit.

Mr Kløver will bring Amundsen's voyages to life through the exciting stories and firsthand accounts he has gathered, and will share original photos from Amundsen's expeditions through the Northwest Passage and to the South Pole, as well as Amundsen's personal hand-coloured lecture slides. For anyone interested in early polar exploration and the longstanding cooperative relationship between Canada and Norway, this lecture is a must.

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