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Award-winning journalist Dan Gardner becomes Policy Options editor

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Institut de recherche en politiques publiques **Montreal** – The Institute for Research on Public Policy is pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Gardner as editor of *Policy Options*, Canada's premier public policy magazine.

Over a long career with the *Ottawa Citizen*, Gardner travelled all over Canada and the world, writing investigative feature stories on justice and human rights. Later, he became a national affairs columnist. His work at the *Citizen* garnered the top prizes in Canadian journalism, including the National Newspaper Award, the Michener Award Citation of Merit, the Canadian Association of Journalists Award and the Amnesty International Canada Media Award. He is also the best-selling author of *Risk: The Science and Politics of Fear* (2008), *Future Babble* (2010) and *Superforecasting* (forthcoming). His books have been published in 11 countries and translated into 7 languages.

"We are simply delighted to have someone of Dan's calibre join the IRPP team to lead our flagship publication through the next phase in its development," IRPP President Graham Fox said. "*Policy Options* has transitioned in recent years from a largely print product to a multi-platform forum for debate, and it is critically important to us that we continue to build on that momentum. Dan's wide-ranging experience, as well as his curiosity, intellectual rigour and entrepreneurial spirit, make him the ideal leader to develop *PO*'s full potential."

As editor, Gardner will build on the magazine's strong foundation and continue to lead its digital evolution. His appreciation of the country's shared concerns – and its distinctions – will be reflected by an array of new voices in both official languages, from Canada and from outside Canada, to ensure *Policy Options* remains the premier forum for engaging policy discussion.

"I couldn't be more excited. Public policies shape our lives, communities and nations," Gardner said. "It will be a privilege to bring people together for such important conversations."

Dan Gardner's appointment is effective January 1, 2015.

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