ASIA SOCIETY ANNOUNCES SIX FINALISTS FOR THE OSBORN ELLIOTT JOURNALISM PRIZE

New York; March 20, 2012. The Asia Society is pleased to announce that six outstanding pieces of reporting on Asia have been selected as finalists for the Osborn Elliott Prize for Excellence in Journalism on Asia. A winner from among these six finalists will be announced in early April. The award—a $10,000 cash prize—will be presented at an evening program on May 21, 2012 at Asia Society in New York.

The six finalists are:

- **Agence France-Presse**: Hla Hla Htay, Amelie Bottollier-Depois, Didier Lauras, Rob Bryan for selected coverage of Myanmar/Burma

- **Fast Company**: April Rabkin for three stories on China: “Follow the Billionaire,” “The Social(ist) Networks,” and “The People's Education Army”

- **Newsweek / The Daily Beast**: Ron Moreau and Sami Yousafzai for three stories on Afghanistan: “The Taliban After Bin Laden,” “War Without End,” and “You Have the Watches, We Have the Time”

- **Tehelka**: Rohini Mohan for a two-part series on India titled “Coastal Wars”

- **Thomson Reuters**: Ryan Vlastelica, Daniel Bases, Clare Baldwin, Mark Bendich, David Gaffen, Carlyn Kolker, Rachel Armstrong, Allison Martell, Martin Howell, Jim Impoco, Claudia Parsons for “Chinese Stock Scams are the Latest U.S. Import”

- **The Washington Post**: Andrew Higgins for the series “Power Grab: China’s Quest for Energy”

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Jury Chairman Norman Pearlstine, Chief Content Officer at Bloomberg and former Editor-in-Chief of Time Inc., praised the quality and breadth of applications from across Asia and the United States. “These six Oz prize finalists were chosen from a diverse group of publications covering an equally diverse range of topics,” he said. “This
demonstrates that when newsrooms and news outlets both in the United States and in Asia devote reporting resources the region, the result can be journalistic excellence. This is true whether in dangerous places, such as Afghanistan, in political environments undergoing rapid transformations such as Myanmar (Burma), or the booming economies of China and India where accelerating development is disrupting traditional societies.”

**About the Osborn Elliott Prize for Excellence in Journalism on Asia**

The “Oz Prize” honors the late Osborn Elliott, legendary journalist, author and former editor-in-chief of *Newsweek*. Elliott was a leading figure in the field of journalism who became one of the earliest practitioners of “civic journalism”—the deliberate focusing of the journalistic enterprise on urgent issues of public policy. The Oz Prize is awarded annually for the best example of journalism about Asia in print or online during the calendar year.


In addition to Mr. Pearlstine, the Oz Prize jury includes Carroll Bogert, Associate Director for Human Rights Watch; Barbara Crossette, UN Correspondent, *The Nation*; Dorinda Elliott, Deputy Editor, Special Projects, *Condé Nast Traveler*; Michael Elliott, President and CEO, ONE foundation and former Deputy Managing Editor, *TIME*; Chrystia Freeland, Global Editor-in-Chief, Reuters; Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, Senior Editor, *Hindustan Times*; Carla Anne Robbins, Deputy Editorial Page Editor, *The New York Times*; and Gillian Tett, U.S. Managing Editor, *Financial Times*.

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