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2019 Nomination of Richard Falk for the Nobel Peace Prize

Richard Falk has devoted a long lifetime of distinguished scholarship, public service, and citizen engagement to the goal of achieving a more peace-oriented world order structures and procedures.

Abstract:

The award of the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize to Richard Falk would highlight the actual and potential contributions of international law to a peaceful world. We are experiencing a period in international politics in which geopolitical maneuvering is given precedence by several leading states over adherence to international law and respect for the United Nations. Such a pattern is raising the risk of future wars, including wars fought with nuclear weapons. A Nobel award to Falk at this time would help generate a crucial debate about why international law is so important if national governments and other political actors are to deal effectively with the current agenda of world order challenges. As a professor of international law at Princeton University for 40 years Falk worked tirelessly to present the case for adherence to international law in a series of significant books, bolstered by activism. During the Vietnam War Falk edited a four-volume series, *The Vietnam War and International Law*. His leadership role in opposition to the Vietnam War included being Chair of the Academic Council of the Lawyers Committee on the Vietnam War. Falk also has written many articles supporting criminalizing the threat and use of nuclear weapons and in support of adopting a No First Use Policy. His new book on these issues will be published later this year. Professor Falk's third area of scholarly work has concerned envisioning the architecture of a peaceful and just world order. A Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Richard Falk would recognize someone who has devoted his life as a scholar and public intellectual to world peace in the spirit of Alfred Nobel's wishes. Falk views international law as key to achieving the peaceful resolution of disputes among states, creating an alternative to war and building a non-militarist system of global security. His scholarly contributions to peace have at all stages of his career been coupled with a dedication to peace-oriented activism and journalism.

Further merits:

Richard Falk is Albert G. Milbank Professor of International Law and Practice Emeritus, Princeton University and currently Distinguished Research Fellow, Orfalea Center of Global Studies, UCSB. He was UN Special Rapporteur for Occupied Palestine, 2008- 2014. In 2017 he co-authored a UN report entitled "Israeli Practices towards the Palestinian People and Question of Apartheid" that generated controversy and widespread discussion. He is Senior Vice President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He writes a blog on issues of world peace and global justice <richardfalk.wordpress.com> During 2018 he gave talks in Germany, Italy, Turkey, Britain, and Lebanon, as well as the United States. This

year he will be Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Institute of State Crime, Queen Mary's University London, UK.

In 1972 he published *This Endangered Planet: Prospects and Proposals for Human Survival* (Random House, 1972). His most recent book is *Revisiting the Vietnam War: The Selected Writing of Richard Falk*, ed. Stefan Andersson, Cambridge University Press, 2017. Other recent books are *Humanitarian Intervention and Legitimacy Wars* (2014), *Palestine: The Legitimacy of Hope* (2015), *Chaos & Counterrevolution: After the Arab Spring* (2015), *Power Shift: On the New Global Order*, London, Zed Book, (2016); *Waiting for Rainbows* (poetry); *Palestine's Horizon: Towards a Just Peace*, London, Pluto, (2017); *Exploring Emergent Global Thresholds: Towards 2030* (edited with Manoranjan Mohanty and Victor Faessel) Delhi, (2017).

In recognition of his work in the area of human rights, Euro Med Monitor has created an annual 'Falk Award' given to young refugees that overcome the challenges of their status.

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