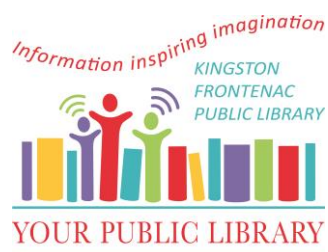

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KFPL Live Presents: *Oil and World Politics*

As the most valuable commodity in the world and an enormous source of wealth, petroleum is the lifeblood of modern economies. It involves both governments and corporations — and, inevitably, politics.

John Foster, an international oil economist with more than 40 years of experience, became interested in the role of petroleum in conflict when Canadian troops first went to Kandahar. As one intervention followed another — Iraq, Libya, Syria, Ukraine, and now Iran and Venezuela — he found each had a petroleum story. He looked at oil-producing countries and pipeline transit countries, military interventions, tensions around sea routes, and economic sanctions.

John's wife Millie Morton, a sociologist, collaborated with him in uncovering and structuring the stories, using official documents, speeches, statistics and events. In 2018 Canadian publisher Lorimer brought out their book *Oil and World Politics: the Real Story of Today's Conflict Zones: Iraq, Afghanistan, Venezuela, Ukraine and More*.

KFPL is pleased to host John Foster on Saturday, January 18, as part of our **KFPL Live Monthly Speakers' Series**. He will address the role of petroleum in recent conflicts, looking at major powers and allies, including Canada, as well as the concerns of Russia, China and the US. He will also have copies of *Oil and World Politics* for sale after his talk.

This presentation will take place at our **Central branch on Saturday, January 18, at 2 p.m.**, and it is open to adults. There is no admission charge, but seating is limited. To avoid disappointment, please register in advance at calendar.kfpl.ca or by phone at (613) 549-8888 starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 4.

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