## President's Author Series: Mary Ann Glendon

The Forum and the Tower: How Scholars and Politicians Have Imagined the World, from Plato to Eleanor Roosevelt

> Tuesday, March 18, 2014 Globe Theatre, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Mary Ann Glendon, the guest author for IWU's spring semester President's Author Series, will discuss her book, *The Forum and the Tower, How Scholars and Politicians Have Imagined the World, from Plato to Eleanor Roosevelt,* in an interview moderated by John Wilson, editor of *Books & Culture*. All are welcome to attend the conversation, which will commence at 7:00 p.m.



Mary Ann Glendon is the Learned Hand Professor of Law at Harvard University and President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. She is a former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. She writes and teaches in the fields of human rights, comparative law, constitutional law, and political theory. (source: law.harvard.edu)

In *The Forum and the Tower*, Glendon examines thinkers who have collaborated with leaders, from ancient Syracuse to the modern White House, in a series of brisk portraits that explore the meeting of theory and reality. Glendon discusses a roster of great names, from Edmund Burke to Alexis de Tocqueville,

Machiavelli to Rousseau, John Locke to Max Weber, down to Charles Malik, who helped Eleanor Roosevelt draft the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. With each, she explores the eternal questions they faced, including: Is politics such a dirty business that I shouldn't get involved? Will I betray my principles by pursuing public office? Can I make a difference, or will my efforts be wasted?

Formerly ambassador to the Vatican and an eminent legal scholar, Glendon knows these questions personally. In *The Forum and the Tower*, she brings experience and expertise to bear in a timely, and timeless, study. (source: Amazon.com)

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