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Dr. Steil has written and spoken widely on international finance, monetary policy, financial markets, and economic and diplomatic history. He has testified before the U.S. House, Senate, and CFTC. His most recent book, *The World That Wasn't: Henry Wallace and the Fate of the American Century*, was published in January 2024. Presidential historian Richard Norton Smith proclaimed it a "groundbreaking biography." The Wall Street Journal declared it "definitive," and Publishers Weekly called it "meticulous," "vivid," and "rewarding." His previous book, *The Marshall Plan: Dawn of the Cold War*, won the New-York Historical Society's 2019 Barbara and David Zalaznick Prize for best work on American history, won the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2018 Douglas Dillon Prize, won the Honorable Mention (runner-up) for the 2019 ASEEES Marshall D. Shulman Prize, was shortlisted for the Duff Cooper Prize, and is ranked number 3 among BookAuthority's Best Diplomacy Books of All Time. Paul Kennedy in the Wall Street Journal called the book "brilliant," the New York Times called it "trenchant and timely," the Financial Times called it "elegant in style and impressive in insights," and the Christian Science Monitor called it a "gripping, complex, and critically important story that is told with clarity and precision." His earlier *The Battle of Bretton Woods: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White, and the Making of a New World Order* won the 2013 Spear's Book Award in Financial History, took third prize in CFR's 2014 Arthur Ross Book Award competition, was shortlisted for the 2014 Lionel Gelber Prize ("the world's most important prize for non-fiction," according to The Economist), and was the top book-of-the-year choice in Bloomberg's 2013 poll of global policymakers and CEOs. The Financial Times called the book "a triumph of economic and diplomatic history," the Wall Street Journal called it "a superb history," the New York Times called it "the gold standard on its subject," and Bloomberg's Tom Keene called it "the publishing event of the season." His prior book, *Money, Markets, and Sovereignty*, won the 2010 Hayek Book Prize.