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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, and is a regular op-ed writer and commentator on CNBC. His most recent book, [*The Marshall Plan: Dawn of the Cold War*](#), won the New-York Historical Society's 2019 Barbara and David Zalaznick Book Prize for best work in American history, won the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2018 Douglas Dillon Book Prize, and was shortlisted for the Duff Cooper Prize in literary nonfiction. 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 previous book, [*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.” An earlier book, *Money, Markets, and Sovereignty*, won the 2010 Hayek Book Prize.