DURHAM, N.H.—Historian Fredrik Logevall will speak as part of the Rutman Distinguished Lecture Series on the American Presidency at the University of New Hampshire Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building’s Strafford Room. His talk, Ask Not: John F. Kennedy and the Promise of Democracy, is free and open to the public but registration is required.

In this lecture, Logevall will discuss one of the iconic political figures of the 20th century, known universally by his initials. How should we understand John F. Kennedy and his role in American and world politics, particularly in this time of rising challenges to democracy both at home and abroad? Logevall will explore JFK’s consequential leadership and why it matters for our current
moment.

Logevall is the Laurence D. Belfer Professor of International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and professor of history at Harvard University. He is the author or editor of 10 books, most recently “JFK: Coming of Age in the American Century, 1917-1956,” published in 2020. His book “Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America’s Vietnam” won the Pulitzer Prize for History and the Francis Parkman Prize, as well as the American Library in Paris Book Award and the Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations.

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For more information and registration, visit cola.unh.edu/ask-not.

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