



Grand Prize

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BIOGRAPHY

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- 1966 Born in New York City, U.S.A
- 1987 B.A. (Government and Economics), Harvard University
- 1991 M.A. (International Relations and International Economics), Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
- 1992-93 Assistant to the Director of the Human Rights Component, United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, Phnom Penh
- 1994-95 Chief Spokesman, Bosnia-Herzegovina Command, United Nations Protection Force, Sarajevo
- 1995-96 Political Officer, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, United Nations Mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo
- 1996 Ph.D. (Modern History), University of Cambridge
- 1996-99 Fellow, Trinity College Cambridge, University of Cambridge Faculty of History
- 2000-02 Policy Advisor, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations, New York
- 2002-05 Chief of Policy Planning, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations, New York (Deputy Chief to 2003).
- 2005-06 Senior Political Officer, Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York.
- 2006-07 Visiting Senior Fellow, the International Peace Academy
 Senior advisor to the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum on Asia related issues
- 2008-10 Visiting Senior Fellow, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
- 2010- Member of the Fund Board of the Myanmar Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT)
- 2011- Senior Research Fellow, Myanmar Development Resource Institute
- 2012- Chairman, Yangon Heritage Trust
 Senior Advisor, Myanmar Peace Centre
 Member, (Myanmar) National Economic and Social Advisory Council
 Vice Chairman, World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on South-East Asia
- 2013 *Foreign Policy's* 100 Leading Global Thinkers
- 2014 *Prospect's* 50 World Thinkers
 Honored Asia Pacific Award Special Prize (sponsored by the Asian Affairs Research Council and Mainichi Newspapers) (*Where China Meets India: Burma and the New Crossroads of Asia*)

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Thant Myint-U

Knowledge and Multilateral Interventions (co-author), London: Chatham House, 1999

The Making of Modern Burma, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

The River of Lost Footsteps: A Personal History of Burma, New York: Farrar Strauss & Giroux; London: Faber & Faber, 2006.

The UN Secretariat: A Brief History (co-author), New York: Lynn Rienner Publishers, 2007.

Where China Meets India: Burma and the New Crossroads of Asia, New York: Farrar Strauss & Giroux; London: Faber & Faber, 2011