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This program announces the sixth series of lectures to be held under the auspices of the Foundation. The lecturer, Professor Robert Morrison MacIver, Lieber Professor of Political Philosophy and Sociology of Columbia University, is an outstanding figure in his field of specialization. Born in 1882 in Stornoway, Scotland, he was educated at Edinburgh University, where he received his M.A. degree in 1903 and his Ph.D. degree in 1915. He also received a B.A. degree from Oxford University in 1907. He was awarded the honorary Litt.D. degree at Columbia University in 1929, and at Harvard in 1936. One-time lecturer at Aberdeen University and Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto, he joined the Columbia faculty in 1927, first affiliating with Barnard College, and since 1929 holding the Lieber Professorship. A Fellow in the Royal Society of Canada, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and several other sociological organizations, Professor MacIver also bears wide repute for his publications in the fields of sociology and political science: Community—a Sociological Study, 1917; Labor in the Changing World, 1919; Elements of Social Science, 1921, 9th revised edition, 1949; The Modern State, 1926; Relation of Sociology to Social Work, 1931; Society—Its Structure and Changes, 1931; Economic Reconstruction, 1934; Society—a Textbook of Sociology, 1937; Leviathan and the People, 1939; Social Causation, 1942; Toward an Abiding Peace, 1943; The Web of Government, 1947; More Perfect Union, 1948; Discrimination and National Welfare, 1949; The Ramparts We Guard, 1950. These reveal the wide range of Professor MacIver’s interests. This sixth series of William W. Cook lectures on American institutions will be made available in published form as soon as possible after delivery.
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Professor Robert Morrison MacIver

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