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Summary: To celebrate the release of Cyrus Bina’s latest book, the Economics and Management Disciplines will host a reception at the LaFave House on Wednesday, May 1.

(April 17, 2013)-In February 2013 Palgrave Macmillan released Distinguished Research Professor of Economics Cyrus Bina’s latest book, A Prelude to the Foundation of Political Economy: Oil, War, and Global Polity. In honor of Bina’s achievement, the Economics and Management Disciplines will host a celebratory reception on Wednesday, May 1, from 5 until 7 p.m. at the LaFave House (305 College Avenue, Morris MN 56267). Bina will give a short talk on his book at 5:30 p.m.

Bina’s new book is a groundbreaking volume of theory and strategy on political economy and polity of the twenty-first century, which unites domains of economics, politics, international relations, and the environment in an organic whole. It elucidates the enigma of oil in view of the centrality of global social relations and with respect to two major exigencies of the time—world peace and defense of the ecosystem.

Anwar Shaikh, professor of economics at the New School for Social Research, writes that, “in this fascinating new book, [Bina] weaves together a grand narrative in which the history of oil...becomes a critical lens through which one can view postwar history.” John Weeks, professor emeritus of economics at the University of London, adds that “one need not be an expert to understand and appreciate the important arguments in this book.”

Bina is the author and co-editor of several scholarly books, including The Economics of the Oil Crisis, Oil: A Time Machine, and Alternative Theories of Competition: Challenges to the Orthodoxy. He has written more than two hundred scholarly and policy pieces and has also spoken extensively to the international media on issues pertinent to global sea change. Bina is currently editing a three-volume work entitled International Economics: An Encyclopedia of Global Trade, Capital, Labor, Technology, and Innovation. He is a fellow of Economists for Peace and Security and an editor for the Journal of Critical Studies in Business and Society.

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