



Georgetown Leadership Seminar The GLS Newsletter

Helsinki Reunion Reaffirms GLS Mission And Celebrates Global Network

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We welcome
your nominations.

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Thank You

Finnish Alumni

- Ilkka Heiskanen '87
- Teemu Tanner '96
- Kirsi Sormunen '00
- Katriina Kuusinen '01
- Matti Anttonen '03
- Kimmo Lipponen '03
- Marja Rislakki '04
- Lauri Kivinen '04

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Since its first meeting in Vienna in 1986, GLS reunions continue to bring together alumni committed to enhancing the GLS network and promoting its leadership mission across the globe. In June, 50 alumni from 16 GLS classes, many with spouses and a few with children, came to Finland for three days of seminars, networking and fun.



Elias Aburdene, Michele Rollins, Mark, Vadim and Nikolai Medish, Annette Aburdene

Finnish alumni hosts were generous, extraordinarily hospitable, and well-organized. Participants were lodged in The Hotel Kamp, Scandinavia's finest hotel.



Fred Henley, Ilkka Heiskanen, Katriina Kuusinen, Diana McCaulay



Loay El-Shawarby, Marja Rislakki, Gerry Ohrstrom

The 2005 reunion opened with a welcome dinner at the Parliament of Finland co-hosted by Secretary General Seppo Tiitinen and Katriina Kuusinen '01, head of the International Department.

Paavo Lipponen, Speaker of Parliament and architect of Finland's entry into the European Union, gave an after dinner talk in which he lamented the lack of leadership in the world and urged GLS to focus more on identifying and promoting strong global leadership.



Paavo Lipponen

Seminars on Friday were held in the Parliament building, a magnificent example of modern Finnish architecture. The morning session on global growth, led by Theodore Moran, Marcus Wallenberg Chair and Director of the SFS International Business Diplomacy Program at Georgetown, included presentations by Mark Medish '96, Oleg Buklemishev '03 and in the afternoon by Francisco Gros '84, Roberto Teixeira da Costa '89 and Andreas Muth '96.



Ted Moran, Francisco Gros, Andreas Muth, Roberto Teixeira da Costa

Mid June EU developments contributed to the interest in the future of the European Union and implications of the vote on its constitution. Challenges facing Brazil were also discussed.

After Undersecretary Markus Lyra spoke on the state of transatlantic relations at the Foreign Ministry luncheon arranged by Marja Rislakki '04, participants returned to Parliament for the afternoon sessions. The subject of freedom of the press was salient. Scheduled speaker, Isaac Lee '99 was unable to attend due to death threats received by one of his journalists in Mexico. Geoffrey Nyarota '90, a Zimbabwean journalist in exile in the US, spoke on the subject of press freedom. Kayode Fayemi '00 gave insights into Africa's experience with democratization and Oby Ezekwesili '02 talked briefly on an issue which she handles on a day-to-day basis, corruption. The afternoon session continued with a presentation by Diana McCaulay '01 on environmental issues in Jamaica and by Jay Panda '04 on the role of corporations in developing countries.

At the Friday evening Nokia reception arranged by Kirsi Sormunen '00, participants were welcomed with remarks by Nokia's Vice President for Social Responsibility, Martin Sandelin. Held at Nokia's "Batvik" with a breathtaking view of the Baltic Sea, this evening was one of the highlights of the reunion.



Martin Sandelin and Ross Harrison

The seminar ended with a discussion on security issues led by Bob Gallucci and including presentations by Jennifer Sims, Bas ter Haar '89 and Francois Badoual '04. Following an afternoon trip to the medieval town of Porvoo, the farewell dinner at the Kamp gave participants an opportunity to hear from former Finnish President and international luminary, Martti Ahtisaari. A number of participants toured Tallinn on Sunday.



Asue Ighodalo and Martti Ahtisaari

The class of 2004 had the most representatives at this reunion, the largest ever for GLS, and more alumni came from Germany than any country other than the US and Finland. A group of alumni pledged to meet monthly over lunch in Moscow, given the number of alumni who reside there and who travel there frequently on business.

Foreign Policy, Failed States, and the Use of Force —Topics at GLS 2005

This year's Seminar re-introduced a theme that participants found helpful – a day on the making of foreign policy including seminars on the role of U.S. Congress, the press and public opinion. The second day focused on the changing environment in which U.S. policy is made—the terrorist phenomenon, the role of failed states, and the changing landscape of weapons of mass destruction.

GLS 2005 enjoyed exceptional presentations on the global economy by Shaun Donnelly from the U.S. State Department, on the state of the American economy by Alice Rivlin, former Federal Reserve Vice Chair and Georgetown professor, as well as on globalization and development by Carol Graham of Brookings.

World Bank Senior Vice-President Roberto Danino '83 spoke on the challenge ahead for IFIs at a luncheon he hosted at the Bank's headquarters in downtown DC. Participant discussion sessions on two days gave GLSers an opportunity to focus and elaborate on concerns raised by speakers during the week.



Madeleine Albright surrounded by Mazal Mualem, Adriana Gonzalez, Pirtta Asunmaa, Malak Al Shaibani, Claudia Costin, Tanya Golden, Maryam Uwais, Joana Abrantes Magueira, Candis Hamilton

At its closing sessions, participants heard from former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright who reflected on her years in public office and gave generously of her time to answer many questions from participants.

GLS 2005 brought together 33 participants from 28 countries including the first-ever participants from Afghanistan and Niger. Participants included three journalists (from Israel, the US and Denmark), two members of parliament (Mexico, the Philippines) two US military officers, and diplomats from Finland, Egypt and China. Approximately one-third of the participants were from the private sector, another third from universities and NGOs, and the remainder from government.

Alumni Update

- **Helle Degn '85** returned to Denmark where she is a roving Ambassador for Transparency International
- **Barend ter Haar '89** left the Cabinet of the Queen in 2004 and returned to the Netherlands MFA. He was named Ambassador for International Security Affairs for a year and this summer became head of the policy planning staff of the MFA.
- **Peter Pace '92** was nominated by the President for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, awaiting Congressional confirmation.
- **Paul Knox '00** has left the Toronto *Globe and Mail* after 27 years and has become Chair and Associate Professor at the School of Journalism, Ryerson University, Toronto.

- **Kayode Fayemi '00** is stepping down as Director of the Centre for Democracy and Development and is considering politics.
- **Oby Ezekwesili '02** has been named Nigeria's Minister in charge of Solid Minerals Development, where she will handle the opening up and development of the country's non-oil minerals sector. She will remain in charge of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.
- **Juan Pablo Parra '02** left his position at the Presidency in Colombia and became coordinator of the Masters Program in International Affairs at Externado University.

- **Victor Lagos '01** returned to El Salvador where he joined the Corporate Department in the Central American law firm, LEXINCORP and is a consultant to government agencies and international organizations
- **John D. Stufflebeem '04** has been nominated by the President for appointment to the rank of Vice Admiral and assignment as Commander, 6th Fleet/Commander, Striking and Support Forces NATO (STRIKFORNATO) Commander, Joint Headquarters - Lisbon, Portugal.
- **Mansour Cama '04** was named Africa's Goodwill Ambassador for UNIDO, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

From the Director

For weeks prior to our June reunion, *The Washington Post* ran a series on Finland -- its natural beauty, its exceptional education system, its standing as #1 in the world in competitiveness. When we finally arrived in Helsinki, most of us regretted we had not visited Finland before. We were delighted by the beautiful capital, the warm reception by our Finnish hosts, and the understated elegance that characterizes this extraordinary country. And the weather cooperated!

Yes, we will plan another reunion, perhaps to celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2007. Where? We are taking suggestions. And in the meantime, we are busy working on GLS 2006 which takes place March 26-31, 2006. We already have a number of nominations and we count on you all to send us more -- from everywhere.

Remember, nominees do not have to be from your own country, nor do they need to be foreign policy gurus. Lawyers, doctors, reporters, businesspeople, diplomats, NGO leaders and other professionals all have contributed to and benefited from the Seminar.

The reunion reminded us all of the incredible alumni network that the Georgetown Leadership Seminar has established in 100 countries across the globe. Participants from so many professions and cultures with diverse views have enriched our discussions and continue to revitalize our dialogue. GLS is alive and well!

Thank you, Karen Douglass, for organizing the reunion for the better part of one year and thank you Bob Gallucci and Peter Krogh for your support of GLS and its reunions over the years.

Jennifer C. Ward

2005 GLS Participants

- Belquis Ahmadi**
Afghanistan
- Malak Ahmed Al-Shaibani**
Oman
- Dieter Ammer**
Germany
- Antonio Jose Ardila**
Colombia
- Pirtta Asunmaa**
Finland
- Muhammed Chatib Basri**
Indonesia
- Ahmed Saeed Bin Hazeem**
UAE
- Aminou Boukary**
Niger
- Nasir Ali Shah Bukhart**
Pakistan
- Claudia Maria Costin**
Brazil
- Khalid Ibrahim Emara**
Egypt
- Tanya Golden**
South Africa
- Adriana Gonzalez**
Mexico
- Paula Granda**
Ecuador
- Candis Maria Hamilton**
Jamaica
- Tien-Lih Hou**
Taiwan
- Rose Ismail**
Malaysia
- Quan Jing**
China
- Alexei Kondratiev**
Russia
- Sergei Litovchenko**
Russia
- Joana Abrantes Magueira**
Mozambique
- Charles Martoglio**
U.S.A.
- Laurent Maurel**
France
- Abraham Mitra**
Philippines
- Mazal Mualem**
Israel
- Susana de la Puente**
Peru
- David Rodriguez**
U.S.A.
- Andre Sales**
Brazil
- Anne Sorenson**
Denmark
- Wilhelmus Steemers**
Netherlands
- Warren Strobel**
U.S.A.
- Hanna Swaid**
Israel
- Maryam Uwais**
Nigeria