Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Will Deliver 2007 Fridtjof Nansen Memorial Lecture on 25 Oct. at UNU

Event: Fridtjof Nansen Memorial Lecture  
Speaker: H.E. Jonas Gahr Støre, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway  
Lecture Title: “Nansen’s Compass: A Global View on Human Security Challenges”  
Date/Time: 25 October 2007 (Thursday; 3:00–4:30 PM)  
Venue: U Thant International Conference Hall, UN House, Tokyo  
Organizers: United Nations University and the Royal Norwegian Embassy

Today’s increasing global interdependence presents policy makers with both new challenges and new opportunities. In his lecture, Minister Støre will discuss:

- urgent policy issues that cut across the traditional boundaries between national and international concerns, such as climate change, migration, global health and humanitarian imperatives (e.g., cluster munitions);
- new initiatives to meet today’s challenges and pave the way for sustainable global development, international solidarity and informed self-interest; and
- a new agenda for governing interdependence (e.g., UN reform).

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Simultaneous English–Japanese interpretation will be provided.

For those unable to attend, the lecture will be webcast live (and archived) at http://c3.unu.edu/videoportal/?136.

The Fridtjof Nansen Memorial Lecture series commemorates the life and achievements of Fridtjof Nansen (1861–1930), the Norwegian explorer, scientist, diplomat, humanitarian and Nobel laureate. Nansen, who undertook several Arctic-exploration expeditions, was a renowned scientist and diplomat. He headed large-scale humanitarian relief operations in the wake of the Russian revolution and World War I; these efforts won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1922. He also was a founding father of the League of Nations and served as its first High Commissioner for Refugees.

More information about the Fridtjof Nansen Memorial Lecture series is available online at http://www.unu.edu/nansen/ or http://www2.norway.or.jp/policy/nansen_lecture/.

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About the Speaker
Jonas Gahr Støre has served as Norway’s Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2005. His previous career experience includes service as Secretary General, Norwegian Red Cross (2003–2005); Working Chair, ECON Analysis (2002–2003); State Secretary and Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister, Norway (2000–2001); Chief of Staff, World Health Organization (1998–2000); Ambassador, Norwegian Mission to the UN in Geneva (1998); Director General, International Department, Office of the Prime Minister, Norway (1995–1998); and Special Adviser, Office of the Prime Minister, Norway (1989–1995). He holds a degree in political science from Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris.