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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/.

To confirm your attendance, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

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.

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