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# The Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program

February 2018 Update

The Bhutto Leadership Program (BBLP) is ClassACT's first "Class Act," and we are very proud of the progress we have made toward supporting positive social change for current and future leaders in predominantly Muslim countries, in honor of our classmate.

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## Here are the latest developments in detail:

➔**Fellowships:** A **fellowship** as part of the Mason Program, for mid-career scholars at the Kennedy School, is **in place**. First fellow(s) will matriculate in June 2018. Suzanne Shende, Director of the Mason Program, reports that applications from the designated countries have risen, particularly from Pakistan, and our website has seen increased traffic since the announcement of the Fellowship late last fall. **The fellowships are just a part of the larger Leadership program, which includes a Network, a Mentor/Advisor program and Public Education.**

**Our relationships with Harvard:** In addition to our relationship with the Mason Program, we have an ongoing relationship with the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, thanks initially to classmate **Bob Bowie**, and their director, Ted Gilman. Weatherhead would welcome another symposium like *Leading in the Muslim World: What would Benazir do today?*, which we held in December



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2016. This would further our plans to **do more Public Education**, part of the BBLP agenda, along with:

➔ **The Lecture:** We are developing a relationship with the Radcliffe Institute. George Putnam, Therese Steiner, Carl Muller, Leigh Hafrey and Marion Dry have met with RI development and program staff. We are thrilled to report that the **Rama S. Mehta lecture, dedicated to the work of women in developing countries**, may be **supported by HR73 classmates and ClassACT by donations to the Radcliffe Institute. These donations count toward the total for our class's reunion gift the Harvard Fund—details on how to do this [here](#).**)



*Peter Galbraith '73  
BBLP Assembly 2016  
K. Sundstrom*

The lecture was established in the 1970s by classmate Peter Galbraith's parents, John Kenneth and Catherine Galbraith in honor of Mehta, who was a scholar of modern Indian social and family life, a fellow at the Bunting Institute at Radcliffe, and the author of several books. The lecture brings to the Institute **outstanding leaders** in public affairs, the arts, and the sciences who possess a deep **understanding of challenges related to gender in developing countries**. Benazir was an early participant in the series, delivering a lecture in 1985.

➔ **The Network:** Having settled the HKS Mason fellowship, we are turning our attention to the development of **the BBLP Network**. Over the past two years we have worked with HKS and HLS students who are interested in our mission and invited 16 of them to serve as Associates. The idea of creating a network and advisory/mentor support for its members was proposed by the first group of HKS students assembled by **Holly Weeks** in the spring of 2016. Members of ClassACT engaged with BBLP have met formally and informally with Associates to discuss how best to set this network up, and members of **the BBLP Steering Committee** are currently drafting a document to describe how it will work. Meanwhile, BBLP Director **Marion Dry** has met with current Mason Fellows from Iraq and Bangladesh.

#### **BBLP Steering Committee**

Ann Bailen Fisher  
Robert Bowie  
Barbara Brosius Lindsay  
Rick Brotman  
Kimball Chen  
Marion Dry, Director  
Hamilton Fish  
Peter Galbraith  
Sallie Gouverneur  
Leigh Hafrey  
Terry Hunt  
Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani  
Stanley Mark  
Carl Muller  
George Putnam  
Jonathan Sprague  
Therese Steiner  
Holly Weeks

➔ **Mentor/Advisor Program:** A crucial assumption about the Network is that BBLP Fellows and Associates and members of HR'73 can and should work together. We are very pleased and proud to announce that so far **four classmates** have already stepped up to **serve as Mentors**—they are **Peter Galbraith, Hugh Kelleher, Tom McNamara** and **Roger Myerson**—in areas such as negotiation, infrastructure, and the economics of rebuilding states. This group is in formation—we would welcome overtures from classmates who would like to participate. It is clear to us that the relationships within the network must create a two way street. The **Associates and future Fellows have much to teach us** as well as the other way around. It is already clear that **the interaction between ClassACT and Fellows and**

**Associates has great potential to lead to cooperative effort/advice in both directions.**



*2016 BBLP Assembly Panelists (from L to R) Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani '73, Maroof Syed, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend '73, Therese Steiner '73, Farzana Yaqoob, Peter Galbraith '73, Jacqueline Bhabha, Holly Weeks '73, Erum Sattar, Kimball Chen '73, Asad Ghafoor K. Sundstrom*

## **Upcoming events in Cambridge:**

**February 26, 2018, Cambridge:** Dinner with Farzana Yaqoob, Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Development, State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan, President of the Asia Institute of Public Policy, and former Eisenhower Fellow. Farzana participated memorably in our December 2016 Assembly and will be in Cambridge; contact [Marion Dry](#) if you would like to join a small group for dinner with her.



*Farzana Yaqoob  
December 2016 BBLP Assembly  
Lauren McLaughlin  
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs*

**March 2 2018, Mather House:** A group of classmates will be dining with a current group of BBLP Associates. This is an event aimed at introducing as many Boston-area classmates as possible to current BBLP Associates.

### **➔ ClassACT [website](#)**

Please go to the website, click on "Engage" and join. The [discussion forum](#) is open to any classmate registered on the site as a member. [Our Work](#) also includes an up-to-date description of the Leadership Program, our goals, outreach and implementation. [Check it out!](#)

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