

## ClassACT Bulletin

### Special Notice: December 5 Assembly in Cambridge

Dear Classmates:

Please join us for the panels and gatherings we're putting on, with the help of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard: in our effort to craft the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program, we aim to **learn about barriers to effective leadership in the Muslim world** and **seek potential solutions** to them.

#### THE PANELS

Monday morning December 5, we host a panel called "**Leading in the Muslim World: What would Benazir Do Today?**", convened by Prof. Jacqueline Bhabha, who holds teaching positions at the Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Law School and is Director of Research at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights-she really is a rock star, and founded a program at Harvard for Scholars At Risk.

Our panelists are

- **Leila Fadel**, international correspondent for NPR and Edward R. Murrow Press Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations;
- **Peter Galbraith '73**, former US Ambassador to Croatia; and
- **Farzana Yaqoob**, Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Development for the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in Pakistan

Leila reported from Libya, Tunisia, Egypt and Syria during the Arab Spring, Peter has served as a diplomat in East Timor, northern Iraq and Afghanistan as well as Croatia; and Farzana, an Eisenhower Fellow, has improved access to educational, healthcare and legal resources for women in a self-governing area of Pakistan on the militarized border with India. **Together our morning participants will have a lot to teach us.**

We will gather at 9 am for coffee at the Belfer Case Study Room, CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge St. S020 before the morning panel begins at 9:30, tackling on a broad scale issues such as the **lack of full participation by women** and poor governance in the Muslim world, and the **influences of religious conflict, nationalism, and corruption** on efforts to create successful modern societies.

At 1 pm we start the first of two afternoon panels presenting our takeaway from the morning to **panelists who represent our class**, to see how we can best work with tomorrow's leaders. Moderated by Kennedy School professor **Holly Weeks '73**, **current Muslim scholars of the Kennedy School** will be joined by

**Kimball Chen '73**, CEO of Energy Transportation Group;  
Eisenhower Fellowship President **George de Lama**,



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**Leigh Hafrey '73**, Senior Lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management;  
**Roger Myerson '73**, Nobel Prizewinner in Economics and U.Chicago professor;  
**Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani '73**, President and Chief Investment Officer, UAS Asset Management;  
**Therese Steiner '73**, Leadership Development consultant, and  
**Kathleen Kennedy Townsend '73**, former Lieutenant Governor of Maryland,

to look closely at how members of our cohort can work to mentor Kennedy School and other Harvard scholars who are Fellows and Associates of the Bhutto Leadership Program. We also want to think hard about **ways to promote public education about issues in the Muslim world**, particularly in light of the current US political climate. The entire Board of ClassACT will be there and *would really like to see you*.

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## **BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!**

LEST YOU THINK this is all seriousness and no relief, **all members of the class** are invited to **dinner at Peter Galbraith's house**, 30 Francis Avenue in Cambridge, on **Monday evening at 6 pm** to enjoy each other's company and muse further on ways to work together to leave our world better than we found it. **Spouses/partners/friends welcome- Please come!**

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