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## **Assemblée générale hybride de l'Association des anciens étudiants de l'Institut**

**Procès-verbal de la séance du 14 septembre 2024 à 14h  
Auditorium Jacques-Freymond/en ligne – Domaine Barton**

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| <b>Présidence</b>    | Mme J. Danzeisen                                                                 |
| <b>Présent.e.s</b>   | Mmes, J. Tossoukpe, Mme S. Umathevan MM. T. Fang,<br>M. Samandari, M. Stephensen |
| <b>Excusés</b>       | Mme J. Byron, B. Burrows, M. Tourinho                                            |
| <b>Procès-verbal</b> | Mme C. Leu-Bonvin                                                                |

### **Mots de bienvenue de la présidente**

Jasmin Danzeisen salue l'assemblée et dit sa joie d'être à nouveau à Barton pour la réunion qui regroupe plus de participants qu'à l'accoutumée. Elle demande l'approbation du PV.

### **Approbation du projet de procès-verbal de l'AG 2023**

Adoption du procès-verbal à l'unanimité.

Le programme de la journée est rappelé. Les réunions internationales des Alumnae-i à Genève sont l'occasion de reconnaître et célébrer les étudiant.e.s et les alumn.ae-i de l'Institut.

14:00 Alumnae-i Association General Assembly (AAID)

### **UNVEILING OF THE LATEST INSPIRING ALUMNAE-I PORTRAITS**

15:00 - 16:00 **Festivities Begin**

MARIE-LAURE SALLES, Director of the Institute

Panel discussion: **“What Future for Peace Mediation? Navigating Continuity & Change”** with Alumnus featured in the Inspiring Stories Hall

JEAN-PIERRE GONTARD

+ SABRINA BÜCHLER, ALEXANDRE LIEBESKIND

16:00 - 18:00 **Look Forward, Give Back**

Open House of Domaine Barton, comprising the Villa, the Auditorium and four Pavilions

18:45 Appetizer on the Beau-Rivage Hotel's Terrace

19:45 Gala Dinner at Beau-Rivage Hotel, Alumnae-i Awards Ceremony, Tombola Raffle

22:30 Dance Party and Cash Bar. Possibility for students to join this part of the evening at no cost **with their Institute badges**

01:00 End of the Event

### Highlights 2023-24

- Regular virtual meetings every 2 months – Committee and Alumni Office
- Meetings and communication with Director of the Institute
- 11<sup>th</sup> year of Alumni Reunion
- 9<sup>th</sup> year of Alumni Awards – 5 this year!
- 8<sup>th</sup> year of annual Chapter Heads and Ambassadors Call - 3 regional calls took place to accommodate the growing number of chapters/ambassadors, now groups, in our network
- A new Geneva Chapter was created with 9-person Committee that has organized 4 events so far with 2 more in the planning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alumni Month and 1<sup>st</sup> ever Alumni Day in March 2024 (4 events – cf. Inspire Students)
- Prizes and scholarships: Best thesis in Anthropology and Sociology (11<sup>th</sup> year)
- Inspire Students: thematic roundtables, aimed at connecting current students and alumni of the Institute around shared interests and to share experiences, best practices for navigating job search and entering the workforce. (The four themes were: Professions in the Field of Diversity & Inclusion; Professions towards a Sustainable Future; Diplomacy: Bridging the gap between the academic and the professional; Success Stories Uncovered. Meet the International History & Politics PhD Alumnae-i.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Alumni Newsletter (every two months - #14 issues)
- Creation of 14 more portraits of inspiring alumnae-i in the perspective of 100th Anniversary of the Institute + Rising Stars
- Statistics by cohorts after 1 year, 5 years and 10 years to measure evolution
- +3'000 users of the alumn.ae-i platform just a year after its launch, surpassing the target by 50%
- Initiation of a dozen of groups, from regional to industry specific

### Reconnaissance des anciens.ne.s

\*En 2016, l'Association a créé les Alumni Awards dans quatre catégories : Alumnus/Alumna of the Year, Young Alumnus/Alumna, Commitment to the Institute and Alumni Association et Lifetime Professional Achievement. En 2021, quatre nouveaux Awards ont été lancés, en lien avec les initiatives stratégiques lancées par Marie-Laure Salles, directrice de l'Institut depuis le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2020, à savoir Art & Culture, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Peace, Sustainability.

Dans la perspective du 100<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de l'Institut, une deuxième série de **14 portraits** d'alumnae-i a été dévoilée avec les portraits de Nazem al-Koudsi, Marcel Boisard, Hernando de

Soto, Madeleine Z. Doty, Carlos Fuentes, Jean-Pierre Gontard, Leonid Hurwicz, Jakob Kellenberger, Dimitri Kitsikis, Andréa M. Maechler, Hans J. Morgenthau, Fatsah Ouguergouz, Tôn Thất Thiên, Ralph Zacklin.

**Jean-Pierre Gontard, Andrea M. Maechler**, first Swiss Deputy General Manager of the Bank for International Settlements and first Woman to serve on the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank, **Fatsah Ouguergouz**, Judge and Vice-President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, posthumously **Madeleine Zabriskie Doty** ('45), represented by a WILPF agent, Pacifist, Civil Libertarian, and Advocate for the Rights of Prisoners who acted as International Secretary WILPF, **Dimitri Kitsikis** ('60), represented by his son, Philosopher, Poet and Professor considered to be one of the Leading Geopolitical Thinkers of the XXth Century, and **Nazim al-Koudsi** ('29), represented by his sons, Statesman and Visionary and Last Democratically Elected Syrian President (1961), all received the **Lifetime Professional Achievement Award**. This trophy recognises alumnae-i who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in their distinguished career; have demonstrated leadership in their profession; have made a positive contribution to the prestige, influence and reputation of the Institute; and exercise a strong positive influence within the community. **Savannah Dodd** ('15), Founder and Director of the Photography Ethics Centre, received the **Young Alumna Award**.

Une deuxième série de portraits d'Outstanding Young Alumnae-i est proposée avec les portraits de Robin Adet, Savannah Dodd, Benjamin Lephilibert, Maurine Mercier, Nanjala Nyabola, Roxana Radu, Suba Umathevan et Stephen Yeboah.

### Engagement des anciens

La communauté compte désormais près de 22'000 membres, 4'800 d'entre eux sont connectés sur LinkedIn. Nous sommes représentés sur la carte du monde grâce à 84 groupes (dont 8 « programmes d'études ») créés sur la plateforme alumni et ne cessons de nous étendre. Les class leaders sont désormais 116.

### Bourses et prix

The **Alumni Community Scholarship** was established in 2013 to fund the academic and living expenses of a student in financial need for a year. Funds for the scholarship are collected through direct donations on the Alumni Scholarship webpage and also during a raffle and silent auction held at the annual Alumni Reunion, which reunites alumni from around the world each year. This year, the scholarship goes to

**Amrutha Somasekharan Nair** completed her BA in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery and a Master's in Health Administration in India. She then worked for around four years at India's grassroots level, focusing on primary healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, and health system strengthening. She is now pursuing a master's degree in International and Development Studies with a specialisation in Global Health at the Institute. Through her work, she aims to improve health outcomes in vulnerable communities and achieve health equity, ensuring that everyone can access healthcare without financial hardship. Ultimately, Amrutha hopes to contribute meaningfully to community-centric global health initiatives.

*"As a girl from a rural village in India, never in my wildest dreams have I thought of studying in a global university. This exposure has been a transformative experience, and it is the best gift I could have ever received (...) I am committed to making the most of this opportunity, not only for my personal growth but also with a deep-seated desire to give back to society, inspired by the generosity that has shaped my path. Thank you, from the depths of my heart, for being a crucial part of this transformative chapter in my life."*

The 20th AAID prize (CHF2,000) for the best doctoral thesis is awarded this year to

### **Meenakshi Nair Ambujam**

“Landless with my Title-deed: Rethinking Landless in Adivasi Life, Telegana, India”.  
*Defended in 2021 under the supervision of Shaila Galvin*

Her thesis offers valuable insights into the complex ways in which state bureaucracies in India simultaneously produce land titles and landlessness.

Meenakshi received the Alumnae-i Community Scholarship in 2016 !

### **Christin Tonne**

“Defending Democracy in the European Parliament: An Ethnography of Political Parties and Institutional Rules”.  
*Defended in 2022 under the supervision of Gregoire Mallard*

Her thesis explores an understudied institution, using ethnography to shed light on its internal workings. Through an interactionist approach, she reveals how a democratic institution focused on the rule of law also provides a platform for the far-right, contributing to the normalization of illiberal ideas.

### **Présentation des priorités pour 2024-2025**

Les axes d'efforts pour l'année à venir demeurent, les moyens évoluent :

- Expand and diversify events and activities to strengthen engagement and participation in the Geneva Chapter.
- Further increase active participation on the Alumni Portal by encouraging alumni to lead or participate in discussions, set up or join virtual groups, share updates, and explore new features on the Portal to foster a more engaged and interactive community.
- Encourage Alumni to contribute and to support scholarships in alignment with the Graduate Institute's strategy illiberal ideas.

### **Support and network with students**

- Facilitate **alumni-student networking** during the alumni reunion

### **Election of a Committee member and moves**

La nouvelle présidente ouvre le débat avec la salle. Celui-ci est bien animé et dure plus d'une demi-heure. La séance est levée à 15h00.

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