

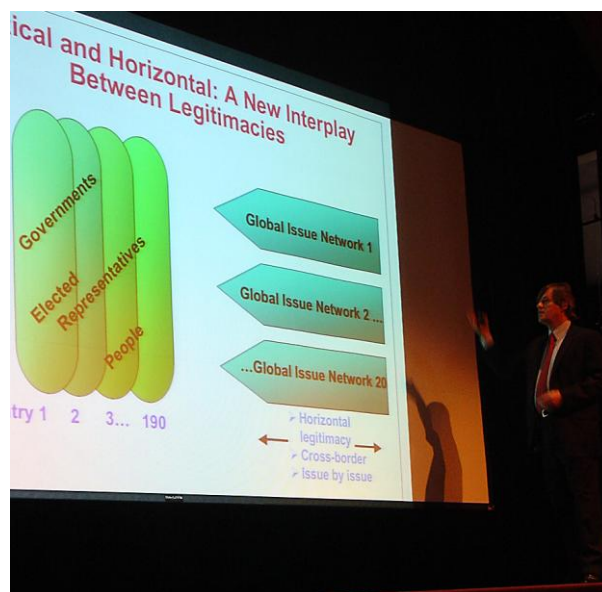
GHI Hosts Jean-François Rischard in San Francisco Bay Area

Many GHI members and friends were among the more than 700 San Francisco Bay Area residents, including many students, who attended lectures, small group meetings and a dinner hosted by GHI to engage with ideas proposed by Jean-François Rischard during his visit to Palo Alto, January 8-11, 2007.



J.F. Rischard Lectures in Palo Alto

The global economist and former World Bank Vice President for Europe (1998-2005), acclaimed for his best-seller *High Noon: 20 Global Problems and 20 Years to Solve Them* (Basic Books, New York, 2002), challenged members of his audiences to re-think possibilities and mechanisms for solving current global problems, including natural disasters.



Rischard Proposes New Mechanisms to Solve Global Problems

Rischarad's wide-ranging experience with problem-solving in developing regions and his thorough knowledge of current global issues inform his proposals for effective and manageable approaches to the most serious issues facing mankind. In many ways, the GHI approach of applying science and engineering technology to address problems of earthquake and other natural hazard risks in developing regions reflects some of his most basic premises. GHI's effort to include many sectors that will bring legitimacy and involve cross-border alliances to resolve complex issues is in close harmony with Rischarad's philosophy for improved, effective global problem-solving.



Rischarad's Message Resounds with GHI Members and Friends in the San Francisco Bay Area

Mr. Rischarad lives in Paris, where he directs an initiative he calls the *Accelerated Global Problem-Solving Project*. He serves on several corporate boards and as advisor to heads of state. We are pleased to welcome him as a new member of the GeoHazards International Board of Advisors.