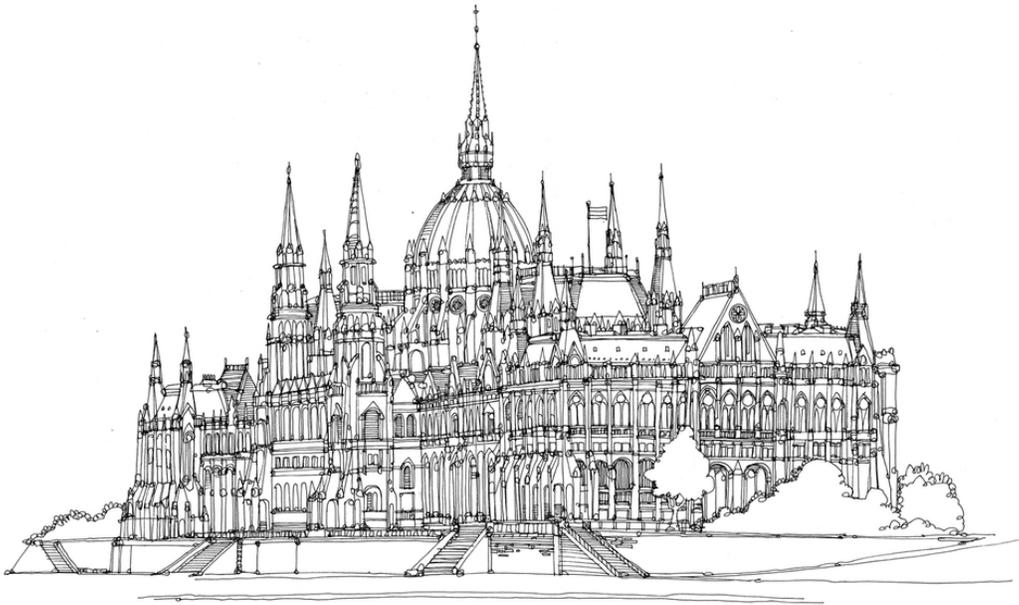




Global Awareness Society International

25th Annual Conference Proceedings

Growing Up in a Globalized World



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The Global Awareness Society International is happy to share these papers with those individuals interested in the many impacts and implications of globalization. This conference marks the 25th such international conference conducted by the Society since our founding in 1991.

GASI President **Dr. Geoffrey Palmer** of Bowie State University shared the following introductory remarks:

This year marks the Silver Anniversary of the Global Awareness Society International (GASI) annual conference. It is a great honor to welcome you to Budapest, Hungary, to celebrate this historic event. I am very fortunate to serve as president during GASI's 25th annual meeting. As a long-time member, I often wonder about the early vision of the GASI founding members, and how we can continue to contribute by addressing this year's conference theme, *"Growing Up in a Globalized World."*

Although the organization has prospered now for a quarter century, the mission of our founders has been constantly tested by the great deal of societal unrest and the lack of awareness concerning diversity throughout the world. Many of the challenges of globalization can be found on every continent.

Territorial boundary disputes, military exercises, and nuclear armament threaten stability in Asia; predatory loan practices of the United States and global development institutions continue to hold many African and Caribbean nations in a modern form of colonialism; mosquito-borne viruses such as Chikungunya and Zika present a rapidly-growing public health crisis in the Americas; pollution and reckless waste management have placed the environmental ecosystems of Antarctica and Oceania at risk; and turmoil in the Middle East has caused hundreds of thousands of displaced people to seek safety and shelter in Europe. Unfortunately, many of these people were painfully greeted with a lack of understanding and compassion with newly installed physical barriers. Sadly, this was even evident in our host country of Hungary.

The membership of the Global Awareness Society International has been addressing many of these issues which continue to plague our Global Village. It is our goal that the professional research of GASI members will help to establish resolutions for our world's unrelenting problems. Many of our members perform various roles in academia, health care, non-profit organizations, and private ventures within their communities, all of which help to support GASI's philosophy of *"promoting mutual understanding and appreciation for one another."* With our ongoing commitment we can meet our core value of *"achieving peace, harmony, and cooperation among diverse peoples."* Thank you for joining me on this noble mission, as we celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Geoffrey Palmer

GASI President (2014–2016)



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Many thanks go to our Keynote Speakers for this conference were:

- **Dr. Professor Attila Pók** of the Hungarian Academy of Science whose topic was *Hungarians: a Ferry Nation? In the Heart of Europe or on the Fringes of Two Worlds? Comments by a Member of the 1968-er Generation*
- **Balázs Hohmann** student at the University of Pécs whose topic was *The Age of Responsibility: The Level of Awareness from a Hungarian and Global Perspective*
- **Dr. Frank LeVeness** of St. Johns University, New York, USA whose topic was *Tomorrow's World: Opportunities and Challenges*.

Finally we want to thanks all conference participants who shared their expertise who all who attended the conference. Some of these presentations are published here in the *Conference Proceedings*. More information may be obtained directly from the individual authors whose contact informations appears in the [conference program](#).

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