

**Tadatoshi Akiba:**

- Served on faculties of: State University of New York at Stony Brook (1970), Tufts University (1972–1986), and Hiroshima Shudo University (1986–1997).
- Researcher on topology, with an interest in homotopy groups.
- Member of the Social Democratic Party
- Elected to the House of Representatives, and served from 1990 to 1999.
- Mayor of Hiroshima in February, 1999; reelected in 2003 and 2007.
- Advocate of the abolition of nuclear weapons
- Councillor at the World Future Council.

**Helen Clark:**

- Became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on April 17, 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization.
- Awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degree by University of Auckland (April 2009).
- Awarded New Zealand's top honour, the Order of New Zealand, in 2009.
- Became Prime Minister of New Zealand in 1999 (leading coalition government as a member of the Labour Party)
- Second female to serve New Zealand in that office
- First female to have won that office at an election

**Mikhail Gorbachev:**

- Seventh and last General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, serving from 1985 until 1991
- Last head of state of the USSR, serving from 1988 until its collapse in 1991
- The only Soviet leader to have been born after the October Revolution of 1917.
- On 8 April 1985, announced the suspension of the deployment of SS-20s in Europe as a move towards resolving intermediate-range nuclear weapons (INF) issues
- Later that year, in September, proposed that the Soviets and Americans both cut their nuclear arsenals in half
- In February, 1988, announced the full withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan

**Zia Mian:**

- Frequently cited Pakistani-American physicist, nuclear expert, nuclear policy maker and research scientist at Princeton University.
- Peace activist and a strong supporter of non-nuclear proliferation, nuclear disarmament, and peaceful use of nuclear technology
- Played a significant role in Pakistan's nuclear policy
- Served on faculties of: Yale University and Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

**Ban Ki Moon:**

- Entered diplomatic service the year he graduated from college, accepting his first post in New Delhi, India and established a reputation for modesty and competence.
- On 13 October 2006, he was elected to be the eighth Secretary-General by the United Nations General Assembly.
- On 1 January 2007, he successfully succeeded Annan, and led several major reforms regarding peacekeeping and UN employment practices.
- Before becoming Secretary-General, Ban was a career diplomat in South Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the United Nations.

**Nadine Padilla:**

- Worked with SAGE Council as a community organizer in 2006 on Native American healthcare and environmental issues
- Currently serves as the Coordinator for the Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE), a coalition of grassroots organizations working to address the uranium legacy that still plagues many communities.
- Graduated from Fort Lewis College with degrees in Political Science and Sociology
- Currently a graduate student of Communications through Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

**Vandana Shiva:**

- Currently based in Delhi
- Author of over 300 papers in leading scientific and technical journals
- Received her Ph.D. in physics from the University of Western Ontario, Canada, in 1978
- One of the leaders of the International Forum on Globalization, and a figure of the global solidarity movement known as the alter-globalization movement

**Terumi Tanaka:**

- Researcher and teacher in the engineering department of Tohoku University from 1960-1996
- Became involved in the hibakusha (*explosion-affected people*) movement in 1974
- Has been Secretary General of Nihon Hidankyo (*the organization in Japan of a-bomb survivors*) since 2000
- Testified at the UN First Special Session on Disarmament in 1978

**Natalia Mironova:**

- Received her Ph.D. in 2006 from the State Governance in Russian Academy of State Service, with a thesis titled "The Role of Civil Society in Modern State Governance."
- Earned her undergraduate degree in Thermodynamic Engineering from Chelyabinsk Polytechnic University
- For 10 years , she served as assistant to a Russian State Duma legislator
- Member of Board of the Institute for Public Policy and Law
- Founder and President of the Movement for Nuclear Safety
- Author of two books, "Social Dynamics: Self-Organization and Management Metamorphoses" in 2005 and "Civil Socium in Modern State Governance" in 2007
- As well as over 70 scientific, social and political articles and reports regarding environmental and nuclear safety issues and civil sector development in regions facing environmental concern created by the nuclear arms race