

Alumni & Community

Building Peace Through Community



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Since its founding in 1995, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) has become a world renowned organisation for advancing peace, security, and international cooperation. Over the past three decades its success has stemmed not only from the education it delivers, but also from the lasting global network of alumni it has built up. More than 12,500 government officials, diplomats, civil servants, and practitioners from around the world have enhanced their expertise through the GCSP's courses and programmes. This unique community, grounded in Switzerland's commitment to dialogue and neutrality, continues to form a vital part of the GCSP's efforts to contribute to security policy through impartiality, inclusivity, and independence.

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The Alumni and Community of the GCSP must be written in capital letters in the agendas of diplomatic staff (as friends and as access points to the host countries). It is a priceless network for its members, for the GCSP Foundation Council, and above all for Switzerland.

Theodor H. Winkler, the architect of the GCSP's International Training Course in Security Policy (today's Leadership in International Security Course – LISC) and the first Director of the GCSP

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OUR MISSION IN ACTION

Launched in 2013, the Alumni and Community Engagement Office was created to harness the full potential of the GCSP's growing community. Its mission is to strategically connect, strengthen, and sustain a global network that includes alumni, former fellows, regular guest speakers, and faculty. Today, this network has over 12,500 members across 174 countries. Through carefully designed conferences, workshops, and knowledge-sharing platforms, the office fosters connections both among community members and with their respective organisations, which enables this richly diverse community to continuously exchange insights shaped by on-the-ground experience.

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What makes the GCSP truly unique is its enduring impact and community. Since completing my course, I have maintained a strong relationship with the GCSP and its experts. From a learner, to an alumnus, to a collaborator, and finally to a contributor, my relationship with the GCSP has evolved into a lasting and enriching partnership.

Soufiane El Hamdi, Senior Advisor, Fund for Peace, and Criminal Justice Expert, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, MENA Regional Office



The GCSP's Alumni Community is more than what most academic institutes offer. It is a powerful tool for diplomacy.



Meeting Global Challenges

Harnessing Alumni Expertise for Knowledge Exchange and Collective Impact

The GCSP Alumni and Community network is a unique source of knowledge and influence. From ministers and senior advisors to grassroots peacebuilders and emerging leaders, its members contribute with expertise in fields ranging from cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and disarmament to mediation, transitional justice, human rights, and more. Through conferences, workshops and the exclusive MyGCSP platform, this diverse community continuously exchanges knowledge and insights. In times of crisis, this rapid access to trusted information and networks is invaluable – making the GCSP's Alumni and Community network not only a lasting source of benefit for its members, but also a strategic asset for Switzerland, the Centre's Foundation Council member states, and the international community.

Innovative Programmes

We are dedicated to understanding the complexities of global challenges and enhancing responsiveness. Through the diversity of our community and the encouragement of transformative ideas, we promote interdisciplinary, gender-balanced, and cross-regional projects that foster a comprehensive approach to security policy and international cooperation.

Thematic and Networking Series

The **Alumni Regional Security Conversations** were introduced to bring alumni professionals to the table to unpack security scenarios in pertinent parts of our world.

Moreover, the **Global Alumni Networking Night (GANN)** introduced by the office in 2016, serves as a vital tool to annually connect the alumni within their countries' respective capitals. This event – the GCSP's most expansive – is organised simultaneously in as many locations across the world as possible.

Benefits of Alumni & Community Membership Beyond GCSP Courses



MyGCSP is an exclusive and interactive membership platform where our community can share expertise, search for cutting-edge member analyses, and find useful contacts.

www.gcsp.ch/mygcsp



Our alumni contribute to the GCSP's capacity both at the Centre and with partner organisations as guest speakers, facilitators, authors, and researchers.



Some **50 exclusive alumni and community events** are organised annually in Geneva, abroad, and virtually, in addition to the GCSP's regular activities and public discussions.



The **35 alumni and community hubs** are regional networks on five continents that provide networking opportunities and host thematic discussions.



Alumni & Community Hubs



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Where Cultures Bond and Ideas Thrive

30 Recipes for Peace is a collection of recipes compiled in collaboration with GCSP Alumni, EHL Hospitality Business School, and the Geneva Tourism and Conventions Foundation. This special edition commemorates three decades of dialogue, collaboration, and bridge-building in all parts of the world.

Engage With Us

International peace and security are currently fragile. Trust is eroding, divisions are deepening and misunderstandings are on the rise. The GCSP's work is critical in response to this situation.

The support of partners and donors is vital for us to offer activities that unite diverse stakeholders to develop ideas, policy options, and solutions. Thus, we can all contribute to shaping a resilient global order to advance peace, cooperation and sustainable security.

The roles of partnerships and donors are closely interlinked. Partners commission and fund specific projects, while other donors may direct their contributions to be used more broadly to financially support individuals or activities. We work carefully to ensure we meet all partner and donor priorities to maximise the impact of their support in a variety of ways.

How will you support our mission and advance global peace, cooperation, and security?



The Global Scholarship Fund: Empower future leaders by sponsoring their participation in our transformative courses.



Fellowships: Nurture the innovative thinking of emerging and established professionals through our Fellowship Initiative.



Programmes: Opportunity to fund a tailored programme through a strategic partnership or through one of our departments.



Projects: Support our ongoing initiatives with your targeted or broadly applicable donations.



Publications: Advance research on global security by contributing to and supporting the production and dissemination of our publication series.



Events: Partner with us in providing venues, experts or other contributions to our events such as our Geneva Security Debates series.

