

Building Peace Together



Mission

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) is an international foundation that aims to advance global cooperation, security and peace. The foundation is supported by the Swiss Confederation and governed by 55 member states and the Canton of Geneva. The GCSP provides a unique 360° approach to learning about and resolving global challenges.

The foundation's mission is to educate leaders, facilitate dialogue, advise through in-house research, inspire new ideas, and connect experts to develop sustainable solutions designed to build a more peaceful future.

Vision

Our vision is to be a leading platform in the international security field that, through a combination of inclusive dialogue, executive education, and the exchange of ideas, enables international actors with diverse perspectives to jointly generate ideas and policy options that can resolve complex problems.

This will help to shape a resilient international order that can withstand systemic shocks while advancing peace, cooperation and sustainable security.



Foreword

The 1975 Helsinki Final Act demonstrated that even in times of deep division, diplomacy can lay the foundations for peace. That legacy of dialogue continues to shape International Geneva and inspire the work of the GCSP.

Today, however, multilateral institutions face growing pressure. Many states prioritise deterrence and rearmament. While hard security is important, lasting peace also depends on trust, inclusion and sustained engagement.

At the GCSP, we respond to this challenge by creating and protecting spaces for dialogue. Over the past year, we have expanded our programmes and addressed new frontiers, ranging from cyber resilience to artificial intelligence.

The lesson of Helsinki remains clear: peace requires not only strength, but also bold leadership, dialogue and skilled professionals. This is the mission we pursue every day.

The GCSP Portfolio is your invitation to join that mission.

We look forward to welcoming you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Greminger".

Ambassador Thomas Greminger
Executive Director



Why Geneva?

A hub for diplomacy, peace and security

The GCSP was established in Geneva in 1995 as a foundation of the Swiss Confederation. Its primary mission remains to promote peace, security, and stability through comprehensive training and research in international security policy. The Centre continues to serve as a hub for education and dialogue and fosters a global community of security policy professionals.

In 2025, the GCSP celebrated its 30th Anniversary, marking three decades of contributions to global peace and security through education and policy research. This milestone underscored the Centre's sustained impact on and ongoing relevance in the field of international security in Geneva.



Home to the United Nations and key international organisations

International Geneva hosts a concentration of international organisations, diplomatic missions, and NGOs that make it a global hub for diplomacy, humanitarian work, and multilateral cooperation. It is a key centre for UN activities in Europe and is renowned for its focus on peace, human rights, humanitarian aid, and various other global issues.

- **Multilateral diplomacy:** Geneva is a major hub for international diplomacy and cooperation, with a significant number of international meetings and negotiations taking place in the city and its environs year round.
- **Humanitarian focus:** Geneva is a leading centre for humanitarian action, hosting many international organisations involved in providing aid and protection to those affected by conflict, displacement, and other crises.
- **Human rights hub:** The city is also a prominent centre for human rights work, with organisations like the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights being based here.
- **Economic impact:** International Geneva has a significant positive impact on the economy of the Geneva region, Switzerland and globally.



An Immersive Experience

Welcome to Geneva!

International Geneva has much more to offer than just traditional Swiss delicacies like fondue and chocolate. Ideally situated on the banks of stunningly beautiful Lake Geneva, its thriving economy, impressive range of multinational corporations and NGOs, and attractive outdoor lifestyle make it an ideal hub for aspiring and seasoned professionals from all around the globe.

A leading Swiss financial centre, Geneva is home to an unsurpassed number of global agencies, federations, financial institutions, and multinational companies, including the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, and the International Olympic Committee.

Together with the GCSP, top educational institutions have campuses in the city, ensuring abundant opportunities

for learning, working and networking. Switzerland boasts an impressive quality of life, and its location in the heart of Europe and internationally diverse business landscape means that upwards of 40% of the population are international expats and a further 25% are international students. The city's openness and diversity are demonstrated by the fact that multiple languages are spoken, with French being the most common and English widely heard.

Nestled between snow-capped Alpine peaks and the lush greenery of the Jura Mountains, Geneva provides a stunning backdrop of outstanding scenery and offers the possibility of exceptional outdoor activities.



The GCSP Portfolio

WE EDUCATE



Executive Education

As the world faces an era marked by accelerating geopolitical tensions, complex crises and systemic uncertainty, the role of executive education must evolve to meet these pressing challenges. At the GCSP, we encompass a broader vision of learning that goes beyond traditional academic boundaries to equip individuals and organisations with the knowledge, skills, and mindset they need to anticipate and effectively respond to today's volatile global environment.

Our Executive Education portfolio fosters not only technical expertise, but also critical thinking, open-mindedness, polarity thinking and resilience. These capabilities are essential for navigating complexity and driving meaningful impact in the areas of peace and security.

Each year, we welcome more than 1,200 course participants from around the world, half of whom are women. The diversity of our course participants, speakers and clients combined with our holistic approach to security policy has positioned the GCSP as a leading institution in the field of international security education.

WE FACILITATE



Diplomatic Dialogue

We leverage our in-house expertise and widespread global networks of experts to facilitate inclusive, discreet Diplomatic Dialogues. We support Track 1 actors by providing a safe space for Track 1.5 and Track 2 processes to develop innovative and policy-oriented approaches to tackle security challenges, de-escalate tensions, rebuild trust, and find mutually acceptable solutions to security-related problems.

Our dialogues focus on international and regional security, geopolitical tensions, mediation processes, and other peace endeavours around the world to help states, international organisations, conflict parties, or other stakeholders find peaceful alternatives to conflict.

WE ADVISE



Research and Policy Advice

Through our Research and Policy Advice work, we support states, international organisations, and firms in analysing complex issues, shaping effective policies, and designing practical solutions to pressing security challenges. We convene global experts in our Geneva Security Debates, providing innovative insights and fostering joint reflection, both in International Geneva and beyond. We continue to develop security-related partnerships and expand our publication series, ensuring our expertise remains relevant and responsive to the rapidly evolving international security landscape.

WE INSPIRE



Creative Spark and Global Fellowship Initiative

Through our Global Fellowship Initiative (GFI) and Creative Spark we empower individuals to develop transformative solutions for the world's most pressing challenges. Our GFI Fellows benefit from a unique, risk-free environment where they can test ideas, innovate, and gain a comprehensive understanding of security challenges by engaging with experts across diverse fields. The Creative Spark provides targeted support to applicants with promising ideas, helping them to transform innovative concepts into reality with sustainable, far-reaching impacts in peace and security.

WE CONNECT



Alumni & Community

The GCSP Alumni & Community Engagement Office plays a pivotal role in fostering connections among our alumni, promoting the exchange of knowledge and expertise with one another both for the Centre and for our partners and donors. This network encompasses over 11,000 members across 174 nations, representing a powerful, diverse international community of security policy professionals. Our alumni (graduates from a GCSP course) and wider community (former fellows, faculty and staff) shape the policy agendas of governments, organisations, and businesses worldwide that are tackling today's and tomorrow's security challenges.



Foundation Council Members



Donors and Partnerships

The GCSP's relevance is particularly critical today, as we are all deeply aware of how fragile international peace and security have become. Trust is eroding, divisions are deepening, and misunderstandings are on the rise.

This is why the support of partners and donors is vital, to enable the GCSP to offer a platform and activities that unite diverse stakeholders to collaboratively develop ideas, policy options, and solutions. Through these efforts, we can all contribute to shaping a resilient global order to advance peace, cooperation, and sustainable security.

The GCSP obtains some 25% of its annual funding from third parties, including voluntary contributions from members of the Foundation Council. Regarding the latter, contributions in recent years have been received from Austria, Canada, China, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Other funding has been received from the United Nations, the European Union, the Gulf Research Center, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Nestar Foundation, the Robert Koch Institute, Movetia, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia, in addition to substantial private donations.

Partnerships in Action

The GCSP cultivates a vibrant ecosystem of intergenerational learning and innovative problem solving through strategic collaborations. We partner with governments, international organisations, and diverse institutions to craft tailored fellowship opportunities that build capacity in critical areas such as cyber security, peacekeeping, emerging technologies, and sustainable development.

Our Trust Village Geneva Project, established with our long-term partner Trust Valley, provides a collaborative hub for cyber security and digital trust innovators to explore the nexus of international security, emerging technologies, and geopolitics. In a similar way, we are able to co-design with our partners customised professional development programmes for their staff or beneficiaries from partner countries and organisations.



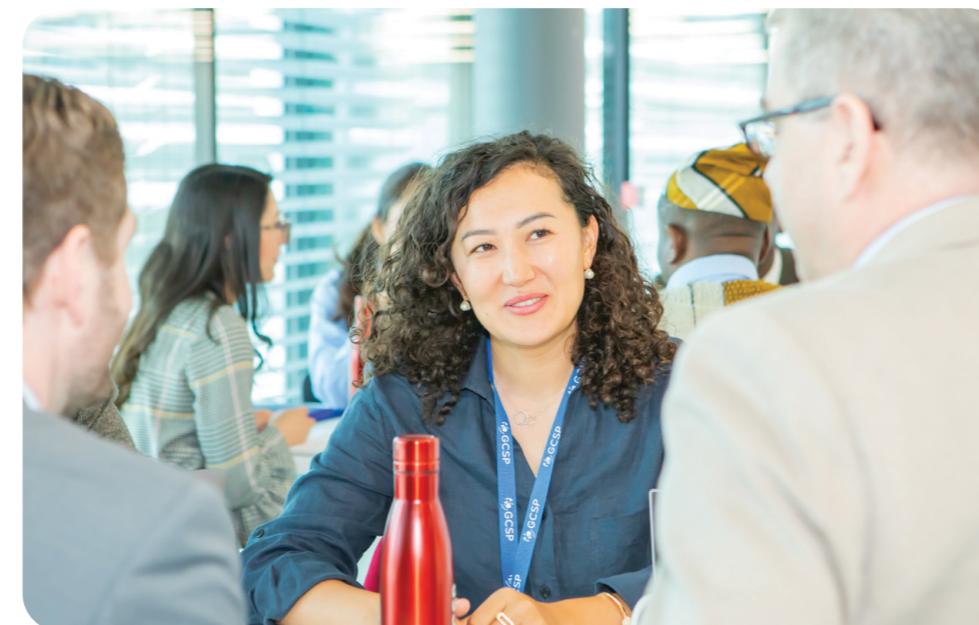
In 2023, the GCSP's **Geopolitics and Global Futures Department**, in partnership with the **Global Fellowship Initiative and Creative Spark**, launched the **Prize for Transformative Futures in Peace and Security**. This prestigious annual award celebrates **groundbreaking concepts** that tackle critical challenges in global peace and security. Winners benefit from a **two-month incubation period at the GCSP valued at CHF 15,000** that offers them dedicated support to **develop their ideas, access expert insights, and expand networks** within **International Geneva**.



Geopolitics and Global Futures

The Geopolitics and Global Futures Department helps leaders and organisations navigate a complex and evolving world. By providing future-focused analysis, it equips stakeholders to proactively address emerging challenges.

Through its research, courses, and activities, the department explores the forces that are redefining global power and shaping the future of geopolitics, governance, peace, and security. Its work delves into a wide range of critical topics, from space warfare and brain science to transformative technologies like AI and quantum computing.



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.

