

Executive Education

Building Peace Through Education



A Centre of Excellence in Executive Education

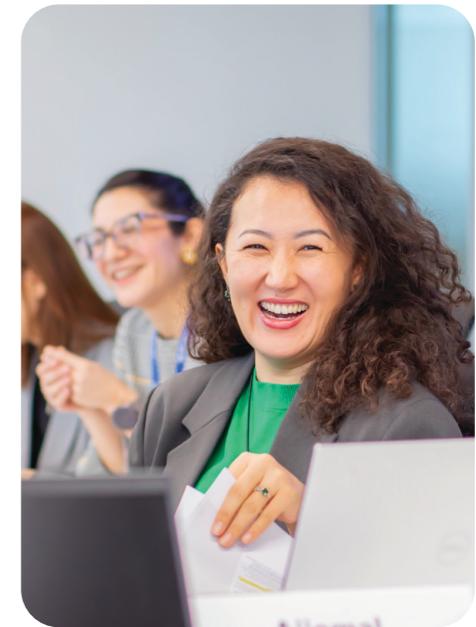
From the beginning, upgrading the skills and capabilities of decision-makers has been the driving force behind the GCSP's mission and vision. Thirty years on from the Centre's founding, our commitment has only deepened, as today's world faces unprecedented turbulence and vulnerability. In this context, education must evolve to do more than merely transfer knowledge; rather, it must cultivate responsibility, ethical decision-making and a capacity to lead in even the most complex situations.

The GCSP offers a dynamic and engaging learning environment that brings together diverse groups from around the world. By attending our Executive Education courses, leaders not only acquire tools and knowledge, but also build relationships and trust across political divides, learning from each other.

Our Executive Education portfolio includes:

- **Advanced courses:** A series of courses of longer duration that provide a comprehensive approach to global challenges in the field of security, peace and crisis
- **Open-enrolment courses:** A series of short courses focused on specialised topics and skills
- **Customised courses:** Learning journeys, workshops, and seminars co-created with our clients that address their specific needs and achieve high impact

Recognising the diverse needs of our clients when tackling global and regional challenges, in recent years we have significantly expanded our portfolio of



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customised courses, which have been developed in close collaboration with governments, international organisations, and NGOs across all five continents.

The complex, interconnected nature of security challenges has also led us to expand our portfolio of expertise. Currently our work develops around four key thematic programmes encompassing 19 key topics. We complement knowledge with skills and tools to educate leaders to embrace and navigate change, develop innovative solutions, and lead effective responses to the challenges they face.

Against the backdrop of an ever-changing global landscape where geopolitical tensions and conflict persist, education emerges as a powerful tool to dismantle the roots of discord and intolerance by fostering understanding, empathy, emotional intelligence, and soft skills, and laying the ground for long-term and sustainable peace.

As a recognised Centre of Excellence, the GCSP is committed to continuously evolving and expanding its offerings to meet the diverse needs of stakeholders and partners. By focusing on innovation, collaboration, and excellence in education, we empower course participants to make a lasting impact in their fields.

COURSES



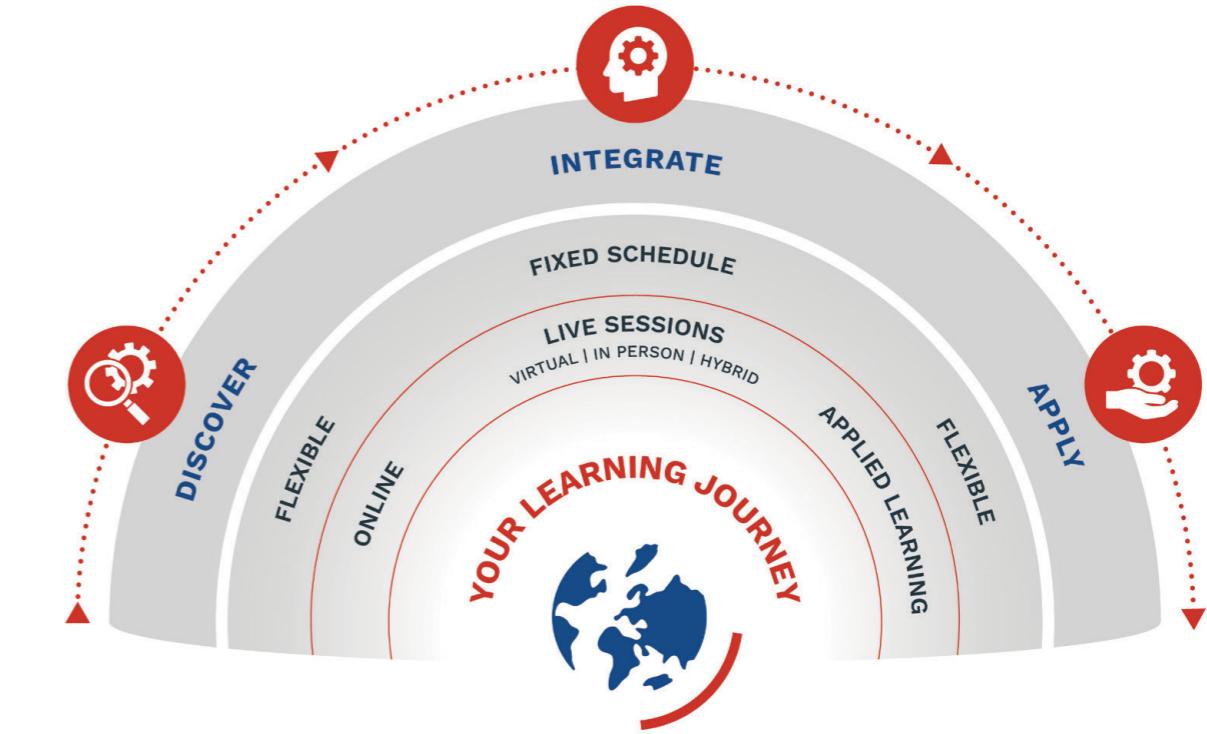
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FlexLearn: Flexible Learning Powered by International Geneva

Global challenges demand global leadership, and the GCSP's FlexLearn approach is designed for busy professionals worldwide who seek flexible, impactful learning activities that fits their schedule and style. Rooted in the world's diplomatic capital, International Geneva, FlexLearn uniquely connects you to a global hub of expertise, networks and real-world policy environments.

Built on our proven Learning Journey for Impact model, FlexLearn blends digital innovation with adaptive design, allowing you to engage online, participate locally or join sessions in Geneva itself.



The Three Phases of FlexLearn

DISCOVER

Flexible Exploration

Begin with self-paced, interactive digital content addressing complex global challenges. Learn at your own pace and rhythm while reflecting on your context and connecting with peers, laying the groundwork for deeper engagement.

INTEGRATE

Focused Engagement

Participate in live workshops, case studies, and simulations – online, locally, or in Geneva. Collaborate with global experts and fellow professionals to deepen your understanding, co-create insights, and strengthen your skills in a dynamic, real-world setting.

APPLY

Applied Learning

Bring your learning back to your professional environment. Apply your new knowledge using practical tools and guided follow-ups, and continue developing your skills and capabilities through our resource-rich platform, which is specifically designed to support lasting impact.



Topics and Expertise

We offer four key thematic areas encompassing courses focusing on 19 key topics. Our courses address traditional and emerging challenges, applying 'state' and 'human' security lenses. We complement knowledge with skills and tools that will equip participants to create and lead effective responses.

Preparing Leaders to Shape a Changing World

- Crisis and Risk Management
- Defence and Diplomacy
- Diplomatic Tradecraft
- Gender and Inclusive Security
- Geneva Leadership Alliance
- Swiss Security Network

Building a Resilient and Peaceful World

- Arms Control and Disarmament
- Counterterrorism and Preventing Violent Extremism
- Effective Governance
- Peace Operations and Peacebuilding
- Security and Law

- Neurophilosophy of Global Security
- The Future of Outer Space Security
- Transformative Technologies

Rethinking Geopolitics and Global Futures

- Global and Emerging Risks
- Global Cyber and Security Policy
- Human Security and Planetary Resilience
- Strategic Anticipation

Anticipating Emerging Challenges

Advanced Course Series

The GCSP offers a series of courses of longer duration that provide in-depth knowledge, skills, and networks for international peace and security professionals. Combining in-person and virtual learning, these courses prepare participants for senior-level and multilateral decision-making roles in complex international, regional, and national environments.

Leadership in International Security Course (LISC)

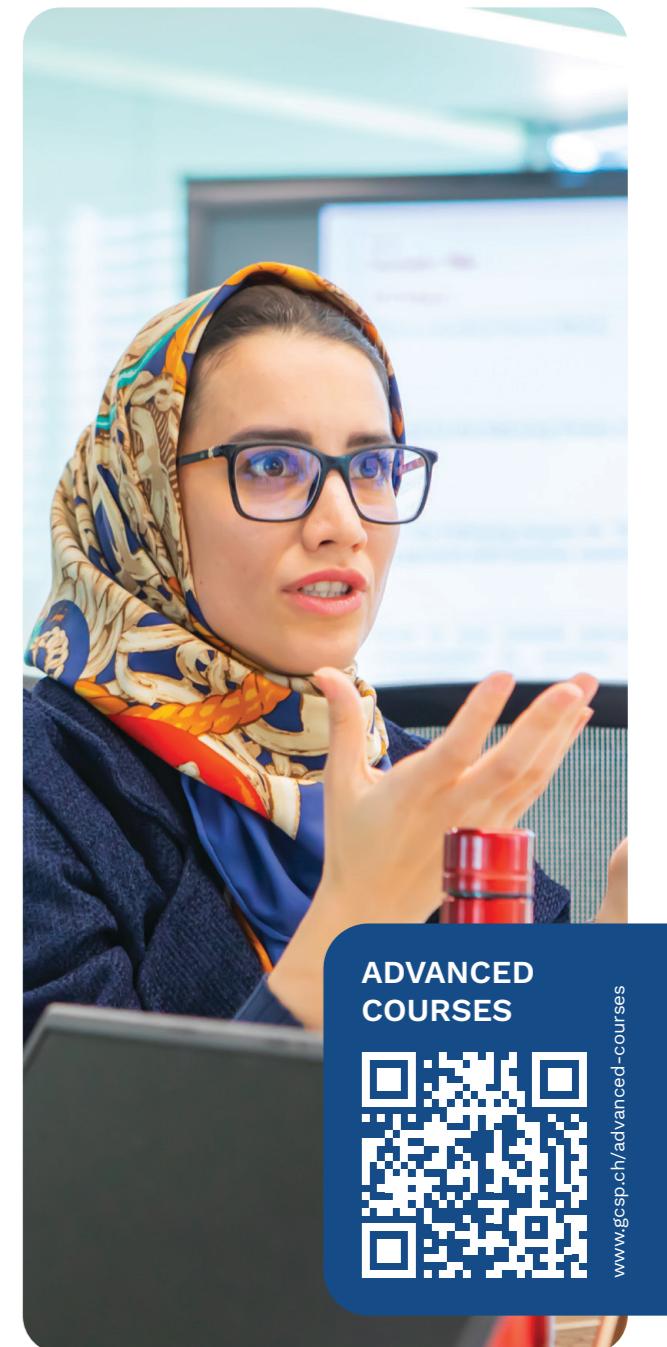
The LISC is an eight-month, in-person course for high-performing professionals seeking to strengthen their capacity for leadership roles and to enable them to better navigate our unpredictable international security environment. Participants have the opportunity to earn a **Master of Advanced Studies in International Security (MAS)** offered jointly with the University of Geneva.

European Security Course (ESC)

The ESC focuses on Europe's role within the broader global security landscape, interlinking security policy challenges that impact Europe and the other regions of the world. As a result, cross-regional participants build a nuanced understanding of European security challenges within a broader international security context.

New Issues in Security Course (NISC)

The NISC explores emerging and cross-cutting global security issues that transcend national borders. It unites professionals from around the world to develop forward-looking strategies and adaptive responses to evolving peace and security threats.



ADVANCED COURSES



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Customised Courses

The GCSP was born out of a tailor-made course designed to meet the specific needs of government actors. Thirty years after its creation, over 60% of the Centre's Executive Education courses are highly customised learning journeys. We continue to grow with and through our partners, who over the years have diversified across sectors and around the world.

Our mission at the GCSP is driven by a commitment to create lasting impact and contribute meaningfully to the promotion of peace and security across the world. To achieve this, we draw on our three decades of cutting-edge expertise, which we continually adapt to keep pace with an evolving global security landscape.

Our learning journeys are designed in close cooperation with our partner governments and organisations to provide the education and expertise they and their decision-making personnel specifically need to address the challenges they face and achieve their goals. We invest time upfront to understand our partners' goals, strategic policies and organisational needs, as well as the context in which they operate.



Our courses are presented:

- in Geneva
- abroad in our partners' locations
- in hybrid form, or
- fully virtually



Enabling Future Leaders



The GCSP Prize for Innovation in Global Security

In 2015, the GCSP launched the Prize for Innovation in Global Security. This prestigious award, organised by the Centre's Geopolitics and Global Futures Department, celebrates individuals and organisations pioneering innovative solutions to global security challenges. Open to all disciplines and fields, the prize honours the year's most inspiring and groundbreaking contributions to peace and security, whether through initiatives, inventions, research publications, or organisational achievements. The winner receives a CHF 10,000 cash award, honouring their outstanding contributions to global security.



Global Scholarship Fund

We are currently in the polycrisis era, in which geopolitical relationships are increasingly tense and conflict is on the rise amid growing global inequalities, an acute environmental crisis, and a fast-changing technological environment.

We **urgently need to build the capacity of peace and security practitioners** to be able to effectively navigate these crises.

Unfortunately, the countries most affected by acute peace and security challenges often have the lowest capacity to invest in upskilling their future leaders. This is why the GCSP **Global Scholarship Fund** exists.

Donations help to empower **change-makers** from least developed countries – individuals who are achieving, or will achieve, impact in their domain. Support them now by contacting gsf@gcsp.ch

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.

