



« GEOPOLITICS »

GENEVA INSTITUTE OF GEOPOLITICAL STUDIES (GIGS)

GENEVA,
SWITZERLAND

5 DAYS
SUMMER
COURSE

EXPERIENCED
INTERNATIONAL
FACULTY

The principal objective of this Summer School programme is to introduce the main concepts of geopolitics. The course adopts a multidisciplinary approach that incorporates strategic, geographic, historic, cultural and economic dimensions in order to facilitate a more profound understanding of contemporary international relations. Conferences will be held by leading international experts.

The target group of participants: Persons working for International Organisations and government agencies, diplomats, university students, people working in various economic sectors, and other interested individuals.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Develop the ability to apply the geopolitical analysis method in different case study situations;
- Integrate geopolitical factors in decision making processes;
- Participate actively in an interactive and non-conformist course;
- Develop your professional networks and exchange views with course participants coming from different national, cultural and professional backgrounds.

LECTURES

Geopolitical Schools of Thought
Dr. David Crikemans

Geopolitical Factors of Switzerland
Dr. Alexandre Lambert

Introduction to Strategy: Concepts, Constituents and Practices
Dr. Alexandre Vautravers

Enduring and Variable Factors of Geopolitical Analysis
Interactive Geopolitical Exercise: Analysis, Foresight and Strategic Choices
Dr. Gyula Csurgai

Geopolitics of Energy
Dr. David Crikemans

Geopolitics, Geoeconomics and Economic Intelligence
Dr. Gyula Csurgai

Geopolitics of Religions
Dr. Manlio Graziano

Geopolitics of Islam
Dr. Manlio Graziano

The European Crisis in the Long Cycle Perspective
Dr. Bernard Wicht

LECTURERS

David Crikemans, holds a Doctorate on Geopolitical Schools of Thought and Master Degrees in Political Sciences (from the University of Antwerp), and in Public Administration (from the Catholic University of Leuven), Belgium. Currently, he is an Associate Professor in "Belgian and Comparative Foreign Policy" (at the University of Antwerp) and in International Relations (at the University College Roosevelt in the Netherlands). He has taught Geopolitics at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels. Main research areas of Dr. Crikemans' are: geopolitical schools of thought, geopolitics of energy, regionalism and sub-state diplomacy. He is lecturer and member of the Scientific Council of GIGS. His main specialities: geopolitical schools of thought, regionalism, and geopolitics of energy. Dr. Crikemans is author of several studies and books in the field of geopolitics including an in-depth study on the history of geopolitical thought from 1890 till present: "Geopolitics, 'Geographic Consciousness' of Foreign Policy?", Publishing House Garant / Maklu (Antwerp).

Gyula Csurgai, holds a Doctorate from the University of Geneva. He obtained Degrees in Political Science from the University of Concordia (Canada) and the University of Toulouse (France) and Postgraduate Diplomas in European Studies and Philosophy from the University of Geneva. He is founding Member and Director of the Geneva Institute of Geopolitical Studies. Dr. Csurgai has been teaching Geopolitics, Geoeconomics and Economic Intelligence for over 20 years at different universities in Switzerland and in other countries. He has participated in several international research projects and has provided expertise to a number of international organizations, governments and private corporations. Dr. Csurgai published several books and articles in geopolitics, geoeconomics and economic intelligence.

Manlio Graziano, holds a doctorate from the University of Grenoble. He teaches Geopolitics at the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy in Paris, and at Sorbonne University. He also taught at the "École supérieure de Relations Internationales" in Lyon and the LUISS University in Rome. He is a member of the editorial staff for the journal *Outre-terre* (Paris) and for the journal *Geopolitical Affairs* (London), and frequently collaborates with *Limes*, the Italian Geopolitical Review. He published among others: *Il secolo cattolico. La strategia geopolitica della Chiesa*, Rome, 2010; Barcelona, 2012; *The Failure of Italian Nationhood: The Geopolitics of a Troubled Identity*, Palgrave-Macmillan, New York, 2010; *Holy War and Holy Alliance. Religions and Global Disorder in the 21st Century*, 2017, Columbia University Press.

Alexandre Lambert, holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Dr. Lambert has been lead researcher on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) at the Graduate Institute, project officer at the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), and a civil servant at the Swiss Federal Department of Defense. He also provides independent policy advice to the OSCE Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC), including in the context of its regional operations in the Western Balkans, South Caucasus, and Central Asia. Dr. Lambert has published books and articles in the field of international politics and history and international security.

Alexandre Vautravers, holds Doctorate in Social, Economic Sciences and History from the Geneva University and the University of Lyon 2, France. Mr. Vautravers is an expert on strategic issues, security, global arms development and trade, consultant for several Swiss media and scientific Director of Hepta aero. He leads research teams for the Swiss Academy of Science and Technology and the Swiss Military History Commission. He is also the Chief Editor of the *Swiss Military Review* (RMS); and collaborator of GIGS. He published several books on strategic and security issues. Dr. Vautravers has taught international relations and strategy at various universities in Switzerland. Mr. Vautravers was head of the Department of International Relations at Webster University, Geneva.

Bernard Wicht, holds a BA and a PhD in Law from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. He was expert appointed to the European Commission and President of the Culture Committee at the Council of Europe. Mr. Wicht is currently Head of International Affairs of the Swiss Conference of the Heads of Cantonal Public Education and is Professor of strategic studies at Lausanne University's Institute of Political and International Studies. Dr. Wicht published several books on the transformation of war, evolution of strategy and political systems in the long cycle perspective. He is also a lecturer and member of the Scientific Council of GIGS.





The Geneva Institute of Geopolitical Studies (GIGS) offers different study programmes in geopolitics and geoeconomics. The Institute undertakes research, provides expertise, publishes studies and organise conferences and symposiums in the field of Geopolitics and Geoeconomics. These study programmes take place in Geneva, Switzerland.

GIGS is a self-financed non-profit organization registered with the Geneva Commercial Register and it is entirely independent of political, ideological and economic organisations.



BEAUTIFUL COURSE LOCATION

The Domaine de Penthes is situated in a magnificent park with lake view and in the proximity of international organisations.

INTERNATIONAL GENEVA

Geneva, world capital of diplomacy, is host to 85 International organizations, 250 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and 173 States are represented in Geneva by a permanent mission or representation (to the United Nations Office at Geneva and to other international organizations, to the World Trade Organization - WTO – and/or the Conference on Disarmament - CD).

CONTACT

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Venue

Domaine de Penthes, 18, Chemin de l'Impératrice, Geneva (CH).



Dates: programme starts on Monday 9 July and ends on Friday 13 July 2018.

Location: Domaine de Penthes, 18, Chemin de l'Impératrice, Geneva (CH).

Participation fee*: 1'200 CHF for professionals and 700 CHF for students.

* (This sum includes the lecture materials and does not include meals, accommodation or other living expenses in Geneva).

Schedule: conferences take place between 9 -12 AM and 2:00 - 5:00 PM.

Language: all modules will be held English and certificate of participation will be awarded by GIGS upon completion of the course.

Modules: can be arranged if someone can not attend the whole program.
 Application form: Available on the web site of GIGS www.geopolitics-geneva.ch

Application deadline: 10 May 2018