



« GEOPOLITICS »

GENEVA INSTITUTE OF GEOPOLITICAL STUDIES (GIGS)

INTERNATIONAL
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5-DAY
SUMMER
COURSE

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The principal objective of this Summer Course is to introduce the main concepts of geopolitics. The course adopts an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates strategic, geographic, historic, cultural and economic dimensions to decipher the complexity of contemporary international relations.

The Geneva Institute of Geopolitical Studies (GIGS) offers different study programs in geopolitics and geo-economics. The Institute undertakes research, provides expertise, publishes studies and organises conferences, symposiums and round table events in the fields of geopolitics and geo-economics.

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LECTURES

- Geopolitical Schools of Thought
- Enduring and Variable Factors of Geopolitical Analysis
- Geopolitics of Energy
- Geopolitical Factors of Switzerland
- Geopolitics and Risk Assessment
- Strategic Foresight and Geopolitical Scenario Building
- The Transformation of War in an Evolving Geopolitical Context
- GEOECONOMICS AND POWER PROJECTION
- The Belt and Road Initiative in an Evolving Geopolitical Context
- India's Geopolitical Gravity: The 21st Century Gamechanger
- Geopolitics of Religions

Program 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 having different national, cultural and professional backgrounds.

Target group of participants: Individuals working for International Organizations and government agencies, diplomats, people working in various economic sectors, university students and other interested individuals.

Tuition fee: 1'800 CHF for professionals & 900 CHF for students

Dates: Program starts on Monday 6 July and ends on Friday 10 July

Application deadline: 27th May 2026

Schedule: Conferences take place between 9AM-12 PM & 2-5:00 PM in Geneva.

Language: English

Certificate of participation will be awarded by GIGS upon completion of the course.

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LECTURERS

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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 and geoeconomics.

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: *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 and *What Is a Border? Stanford Briefs*; 2018.

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 in Geneva, 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. He coauthored the book “The Belt and Road Initiative: Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Aspects, Routledge”, 2021.

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, and consultant for several Swiss media. 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); Dr. Vautravers 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. Dr. Wicht has taught Strategic Studies at Lausanne University’s Institute of Political and International Studies. Mr. Wicht was former Head of International Affairs of the Swiss Conference of the Heads of Cantonal Public Education. 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.



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