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Annual Senior Officers Seminar (ASOS)

Geopolitical Challenges in the 21st Century

Thematic cluster:

Defence and Diplomacy

Course dates:

2 - 4 September 2019

Course location:

Geneva

Flag Officers are well supported on military issues close to their areas of responsibility, but they often receive less reliable information and input about the strategic and global context. Trustworthy updates on politico-military developments can often be wanting, as can factual, objective debate that is free from politics.

To meet this need, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), runs the Annual Senior Officers Seminar (ASOS) on contemporary politico-military developments and current trends in multinational operations. It offers Flag Officers and high-level experts a unique opportunity for professional development and networking. Started in 2007, this course is funded by the Swiss Government and conducted in cooperation with the Partnership for Peace (PfP).

COURSE BENEFITS

This seminar provides comprehensive briefings and analysis on current military operations and security developments for Flag Officers and high level experts. The 'off-the-record' Geneva setting maximises opportunities for professional exchanges and discussion.

As a participant, this course will enable you to:

- engage with peers, experienced experts and practitioners in a neutral and professional environment
- benefit from a frank and confidential exchange with speakers and other participants
- access presentations given by practitioners, commanders and scholars active at the highest level, all with internationally recognised or field and headquarter experience
- analyse and understand major geopolitical challenges of our time.

COURSE FOCUS:

The course includes briefings, small group discussions and dialogue with expert lecturers. The seminar includes:

- leadership in a multi-layered environment: challenges of comprehensive action - a senior military commander's perspective
- complexity as well as the changing political and security landscape in the hot spots of the world
- working groups on strategic challenges



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Course Director

Colonel (GS) Stefan Hinz is Senior Programme Advisor for the Regional Perspectives Programme at the GCSP. He is on secondment from the German Armed Forces.

Expert Educators

Our educators include the GCSP's own international team composed of academics and practitioners with broad experience in security policy, diplomacy and/or military affairs, as well as guest speakers who are government officials, military officers, representatives from international institutions and civil society, academics and researchers.

Please visit the course page on the **GCSP website** for further details on speakers.

Who should attend

The course is open to senior officers from NATO, PFP, Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative countries, as well as from South Asian, East Asian and African countries.

Tuition fees

This course is offered free of charge. The GCSP covers programme tuition, transportation during the seminar (transfers from/to the hotel and to the restaurant), meals and coffee breaks. All other expenses, including lodging and travel, are the responsibility of the participant. In a limited number of cases, scholarships may be available.

GCSP reserves the right to modify the programme dates, location and fee at any time. Discounts are not cumulative.

Registration deadline

5 August 2019

Language requirements

The course will be held in English; no translation will be provided

Venue

GCSP, Maison de la paix,
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Alumni Community

Completing the executive course gives you access to a global and expanding network of over 6'500 experts. Alumni are able to connect online through our Alumni Portal, attend numerous conferences and events, and benefit from reduced rates in future courses.

GCSP

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy is an international foundation with 52 member states from across the globe. We bring people from every industry and nation together so they can thrive in today's ever-changing security landscape.

In the heart of international Geneva

Home to over 35 international organisations, some 380 non-governmental organisations, and more than 175 diplomatic missions, representations and delegations, Geneva is a leading hub for international expertise.

Testimonial from a past participant

“ *An enriching experience on how participants with a variety of backgrounds, geographical origins, perspectives and priorities could rise their mind-set from a national and regional level to a global forward thinking, hence agreeing on the most important challenges we all face and on ways to address them.*

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