



COURSES



# Geopolitics and Global Futures Symposium

Understand and Prepare for Current and Prospective Challenges in Global Security

## Thematic cluster:

Geopolitics and Global Futures

## Course dates:

12 June - 14 June 2019

## Course location:

Geneva, Switzerland

The course reflects the programme's aims of examining the multiple dimensions of global security, identifying and analysing transformative technologies, and using insights from neuroscience to further our understanding of international affairs. The course's fundamental premise is that we need new paradigms to understand, prepare for and respond to current and future global challenges.

## COURSE BENEFITS

This three-day course organised by the Geopolitics and Global Futures Programme will address a number of key themes in global security.

As a participant, you will:

- develop your knowledge around a broad range of security issues
- gain a comprehensive understanding of some of the most significant technological developments over the coming decades
- be equipped with the critical and analytical skills to address the implications of these trends

## COURSE FOCUS:

The course is structured around three major topics in the international security field.

- Day 1 will cover outer space security, multilateral space governance, and both the traditional and emerging actors in this field.
- Day 2 will explore transformative technologies, their security ramifications, and the ethical challenges that they pose.
- Day 3 will be dedicated to the neurophilosophy of global security, examining how recent developments in neuroscience shed light on human nature, and can help us to better comprehend individual and state behaviour.

The three modules of the course can be followed separately or together.



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## Course Director

**Professor Nayef Al-Rodhan** is a Philosopher, Neuroscientist and Geostrategist. He is Head of GCSP's Geopolitics and Global Futures Programme and Honorary Fellow of St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. He holds an M.D. and a Ph.D. He trained in neurosurgery/neuroscience research at the Mayo Clinic, Yale University and Harvard University.

## 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 Symposium is designed for officials from governments and international organisations, as well as members of the security and defence policy planning and the intelligence communities. This course is also relevant to representatives from the private sector and nongovernmental organisations, journalists, and anyone with a professional interest in understanding future international security challenges.

### Tuition fees

CHF 1'200 for the full three-day Symposium, CHF 900 for two days, CHF 500 for individual days. Apply by 12 April to qualify for a 15% discount. Alumni qualify for a 20% discount. A limited number of partial tuition waivers may be granted on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the GCSP.

### Registration deadline

10 June 2019

### Language requirements

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

### Venue

GCSP, Maison de la paix,  
Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2D, Geneva  
Switzerland

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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.

### *The Symposium is composed of three modules:*

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

Each module can be studied on its own.

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