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The Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) are delighted to launch **the Global Leadership Program.**

A primary focus of the GRCF is to conduct a variety of high-level executive learning and leadership programs that contain practical policy value. The Geneva Centre for Security

Policy (GCSP) is an international foundation supported by the Swiss government. The GCSP mission is to advance peace, security and international cooperation by providing the knowledge, skills and network for effective and inclusive decision making.

This **Global Leadership Program** features three one-week modules, that address the core political, security and economic challenges in the international system today. The modules are convened at regularly spaced-out intervals throughout the year.

“The **Global Leadership Program** takes place in Geneva, Switzerland. This ideal location is not only at the heart of Europe, but it brings together a host of governments, international organizations and wider actors involved in shaping politics, security and economics today.”

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## Global Leadership Program Aims & Objectives

In the contemporary global context, political change, security challenges, and economic crises are all interconnected and amplified by development and sustainability concerns. Practitioners in these three fields can no longer function in silos.

To be effective leaders, practitioners need to better understand the key challenges and opportunities within, and between, these dimensions of our international working environment. They also need to be able to work effectively with stakeholders across cultures and domains

The Global Leadership Program offers a transformative experience to build the professional capacity of mid-career practitioners from government, the private sector, international organizations, civil society and academia.

### **This program will provide an opportunity for you as participants to:**

- Improve your knowledge about global developments in politics, security and economics, as well as their impact on state and society.
- Analyze current, past and anticipated changes occurring in the fields of global politics, security and economics.
- Build your critical thinking through a unique learning environment, by inviting experienced practitioners and scholars from diverse fields in an interactive atmosphere of debate.
- Broaden your professional network across cultures and professional domains through your interaction with peers and experts engaging on the course.

The program is led by a team of diverse course directors, experts and leaders. It takes a multifaceted interactive approach to learning and will focus on three main dimensions:

- 1) In-depth classroom analysis of policy issues through plenary discussions, case studies and working visits to International Geneva institutions, in addition to
- 2) Individual and group skills enhancement through workshops and simulations.
- 3) Peer-to-peer community building as well as networking with a diverse range of experts leading the course sessions



## **Module 1: Global Politics (September 2023)**

### **11-15 September 2023:**

Globalization continues to strongly impact the international political order, as well as the role of state structures. The positives of globalization have led to increased cooperation among countries in addressing global challenges, supported by international institutions.

However, more recent times have also given rise to inequalities, geopolitics, and populism – manifesting in complex interrelated challenges at the global, regional and state level – the multi-crisis era. In the absence of effective global governance, these current issues could worsen. This module will explore the key challenges impacting global politics, analyze current responses, and outline current and anticipated efforts to re-build global cooperation.

### **Featured topics include:**

- Contemporary Global Governance and its Challenges
- Bridging Science and Diplomacy: Anticipating Dilemmas
- Strategic Foresight
- Effective Leadership

### **Learning objectives:**

This module offers the participants a global governance “lens” to grasp the main challenges in global politics and to identify the key actors, as well as a set of interrelated tools for global governance practices in multiple interconnected fields. This is a unique opportunity for participants to expand their international network of professionals across cultures and regions.



## **Module 2: Global Security (November 2023)**

**13-17 November 2023**

The global security landscape has changed radically, with the expansion of new threats and their linkages to each other. While states remain the key organizing principle of international relations, security is no longer centralized and the term security itself has taken on new meanings.

Terrorism, extremist movements, non-state actors, state failures and decay, weapons proliferation, refugee flows, climate change, organized crime, the role of technology and artificial intelligence, and devastating regional conflicts are all significant threats to national and global security. This module will provide an understanding of the evolution in how we comprehend security policy today, as well an overview of key challenges and opportunities from multiple dimensions – political, legal, economic etc.

### **Featured topics include:**

- Trends in Cyber Security
- Current Dynamics in Deterrence & Arms Control
- Achieving Sustainable Peace
- Leadership in crisis

### **Learning objectives:**

In this module, participants acquire the understanding of how challenges and risks of global security are linked to each other in complex and dynamic ways; they experience in real time specific complex crises and acquire tools in strengthening security in different sectors. The participants create together with the experts an interactive environment to brainstorm for further solutions and networks.



### **Module 3: Global Economics (March 2024)**

**4 – 8 March 2024**

The distribution of wealth and goods and the health of the global economy is undergoing significant strains raising questions about its overall stability and impartiality.

The current energy crisis is not just an aftermath, but an indication of an attempt to re-value and re-distribute wealth based on new rules. Meanwhile, new technologies have transformed traditional notions of the market economy while global labor movements are changing production methods and centers. Overall, the global economy is experiencing fundamental realignments, which participants must understand for effective policymaking.

#### **Featured topics include:**

- Shifting Geo-Economic Trends
- Energy Security in a Time of Crisis
- Sustainable Development
- Effective leadership

#### **Learning objectives:**

In this module, the participants will gain a variety of perspectives on current challenges within the global economy, as well as the implications for global security and global politics. A selection of case studies will allow participants to analyze and develop more sustainable responses. Participants will continue their opportunity to network with a variety of actors within International Geneva.



# Who should attend



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- Government officials who wish to gain a deep understanding of political, security and economic trends in order to be able to see developments within a larger context.
- Aspiring corporate officials to have a more comprehensive understanding of the opportunities and obstacles present in the international sphere to improve their chances for successful business.
- Mid- to high-level professionals who seek a qualitative edge to the information they receive and to the relationships they want to build.

Participants in the program will have the opportunity to choose whether they wish to attend individual modules, or to attend the entire three module program. In this way, the program provides flexibility according to the main interest of the participants.

Each module involves one week of full-time training in Geneva. Participants who are accepted must confirm their availability for the entire period of one, two or three modules and attend all sessions during the module(s).



## Dates

Module 1 Global Politics: **22 - 26 May 2023**

Module 2 Global Security: **11 – 15 September 2023**

Module 3 Global Economy: **13 – 17 November 2023**

Location: Geneva, GCSP premises

## Application

### Kindly note that all courses will be delivered in English

To apply for the program, a completed online application form must be submitted to the Gulf Research Center. **The online form can be accessed [HERE](#).** Prospective candidates are encouraged to apply online. Only complete applications will be considered.

## Fees

The fee for the Global Leadership Program:

- Package of three modules is CHF 12,500
- Individual modules are CHF 5000

The tuition price includes participation in all the sessions of the program, all necessary conference materials and readings, as well as lunches for the entire week and a welcome dinner on a selected evening.

The fee does not include travel expenses to and from Geneva nor hotel accommodation. Preferential rates are available at several hotels in Geneva.

Payment of the conference fee is due in full prior to the start of the program.



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### **The Gulf Research Center**

The GRCF was established in 2007 in Geneva, Switzerland, under the Swiss Civil Code relating to foundations. The GRCF aims to facilitate research on the Gulf, promote academic excellence both in and about the Gulf region, and ensure objective and comprehensive information and analysis about a vital part of the world. As an independent think tank, the GRC Foundation has been recognized as one the leading institutions in the Middle East and within a short period of time is has become one the leading organization providing insights and perspectives from the Gulf region. It has been part of the Think Tank Leader's Forum of the World Economic Forum. The GRCF acts to coordinate all Gulf Research Center research efforts and has successfully completed numerous projects work including with the European Commission on EU- GCC relations, with various organs of the United Nations Systems and with the International Development Research Council, Canada. One of the key focus of the GRCF's work is the changing geopolitics of the Middle East with a particularly focus on the foreign and security policies of the GCC states, Gulf security issues, and efforts to establish a regional security system.

### **The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)**

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) is an international foundation established in 1995, with 53 member states, for the primary purpose of promoting peace, security and international cooperation through executive education, applied policy research and dialogue. The GCSP trains government officials, diplomats, military officers, international civil servants and NGO and private sector staff in pertinent fields of international peace and security.

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