



COURSES



# Skills Enhancement for Political Advisors, (POLADS) 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

The interdisciplinary nature of political advising

## Thematic cluster:

Diplomatic Tradecraft

## Course dates:

10 - 12 June 2020

## Course location:

Geneva, Switzerland

Political advisors are instrumental in the decision-making processes of peace and security. Their effectiveness is of fundamental importance both on the ground and at an international level. Their duties require them to synthesise information rapidly, to develop a comprehensive understanding of the context and key issues at hand, and to convey that understanding and analysis to their institutions at varying levels, while building and nurturing meaningful relationships. This course builds the skill sets and networks that political advisors need to carry out their work more efficiently and effectively.

## COURSE FOCUS:

The course is the opportunity to sharpen skills and acquire knowledge through an intensive hands-on curriculum under the mentorship of expert educators. Substantive inputs are followed by group work on case studies, providing valuable learning opportunities through exchanges between participants – all experienced professionals – and the course leaders, who serve as mentors.

A selection of the following focus areas will be covered:

- the role of the political advisor
- political and conflict analysis
- intelligence analysis
- working with the media
- effective communication
- political reporting
- speechwriting
- negotiation
- peace mediation and mediation support

## COURSE BENEFITS

The course is part of a series of skills enhancement modules created by the GCSP for targeted audiences. Over the past seven years, more than 300 political advisors have developed their skill sets in GCSP courses tailored to their specific professional needs.

As a participant, you will:

- enhance the skill sets required to be an effective political advisor
- learn from the knowledge and experiences of experts and practitioners
- build an international network of political advisors



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## Course Director

**Ms Miriam Fugfugosh**, a course designer and facilitator with nearly 20 years' experience, has shaped the GCSP package of skills enhancement modules for political advisors since its inception. She is a regular contributor to GCSP courses on leadership. Miriam's background is in international policy studies, grassroots development, and education.

## 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 designed for:

- political advisors and political affairs officers working in government ministries
- international institutions
- diplomatic missions either in capitals or in the field
- those interested in becoming a political advisor

## Tuition fees

1'500 CHF

Apply by 10 April 2020 to qualify for a 15% discount. Alumni qualify for a 20% discount. A limited number of partial tuition waivers may be available.

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

## Registration deadline

10 May 2020

## Language requirements

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

## Venue

GCSP, Maison de la paix,  
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Switzerland

## Contact

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## Alumni Community

Completing the executive course gives you access to a global and expanding network of over 8'200 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.

## Customised solution

This course can be adapted to meet the needs of your organisation. The GCSP has more than 20 years of experience in delivering executive education for professionals working in government, non-profits, international organisations, as well as in the private sector.

## Testimonial from a past participant

**“The course provided one of the most effective learning opportunities I have had. GCSP created an energetic, innovative environment balancing short lectures and interactive, hands-on experience.**

2017 Alumnus

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