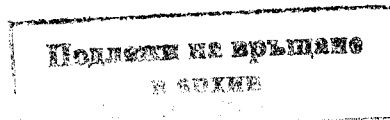




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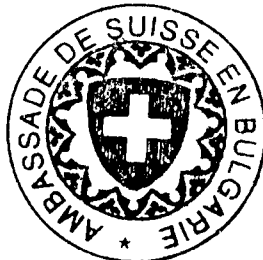
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Sofia, 19 March 2018



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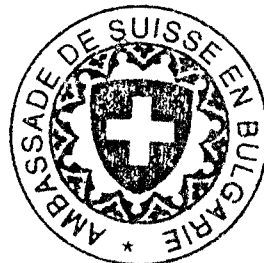
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LEADERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COURSE (LISC)

08 OCTOBER 2018 - 31 MAY 2019 | GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

21ST CENTURY PEACE AND SECURITY CHALLENGES: BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The 33rd edition of this eight-month course in international security policy is designed for high performing professionals seeking to enhance their career and effectively respond to the world's most pressing security challenges.

Participants also have the opportunity to take part in the concurrent **Master of Advanced Studies in International and European Security (MAS)**, jointly run with the **Global Studies Institute of the University of Geneva**. The MAS programme has the highest level of accreditation awarded to degrees in Switzerland.



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LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course will enable you to:

- develop your capacity for leadership in a security policy environment
- address the challenges created by the current evolution of security actors
- devise concrete policies to address global strategic challenges
- develop your network to pursue collaborative solutions

You will benefit from an innovative and interactive learning methodology, with expert-led sessions including case studies, simulations, and collaborative peer to peer learning, to turn knowledge into practice.

You will also have the opportunity to network with GCSP's global expert community, as well as the multitude of actors present in International Geneva.

COURSE CURRICULUM

Term 1: The Evolving Dimensions of Security Policy

- The Foundations of International Security
- Leadership and Decision-Making
- Power, Order and Peace in the 21st Century
- Governing the International System

Term 2: 21st Century Security Challenges

- The Evolution of Warfare
- Managing Conflict, Creating Sustainable Peace
- Emerging Security Challenges
- Leadership in Crisis

Term 3: Global Security Dynamics

- The Geopolitics of Regionalism
- Emerging Regions: Security Policy Challenges
- Alternative Futures: Taking Leadership and Strategic Thinking Forward

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Open to mid-career professionals working in national ministries, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, civil society, academia and the private sector. Candidates must have had exposure to peace and security issues. Serving officers must have completed an advanced military staff course.

GCSP

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy is an international foundation with 51 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 more than 35 international organisations, more than 250 non-governmental organisations and more than 250 diplomatic missions, representations and delegations, Geneva is a leading hub for international expertise.

ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Completing the executive course gives you access to a global and expanding network of over 6'000 experts. Alumni are able to connect online through our Alumni Portal, attend numerous conferences and events, and benefit from reduced rates in future courses.



THIS COURSE IS FOR EVERY KIND OF MINDSET. IT IS ABOUT BEING PREPARED FOR THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE. IT WAS A DEFINING MILESTONE IN MY PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL JOURNEY.

Ms Irina Tsertsvadze, LISC Participant 2016-2017
Ministry of Defence, Georgia



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

01 May 2018

TUITION FEES

The course is offered free of tuition charges for participants as part of Switzerland's contribution to the Partnership for Peace Programme. Fees apply for the MAS Programme.

VENUE

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

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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

CONTACT

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Web: www.gcsp.ch/Courses/Leadership-in-International-Security-Course-LISC-2018-2019

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Geneva, March 2018

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), with the support of the Swiss Government, has the honour to invite **Bulgaria** to nominate candidates for:

**The Leadership in International Security Course (LISC)
21st Century Peace and Security Challenges: Building a Sustainable Future
08 October 2018 – 31 May 2019**

This course is designed to train highly qualified professionals who will serve in the broad area of security policy and will interact in some form with international agencies engaged in security-related policy planning, political and military decision-making and practical implementation in a range of complex and interlinked security situations.

The course is designed to advance the knowledge and skills of participants to prepare them for leadership roles in their institution, in particular by enabling them to:

- Strengthen their **leadership skill-set** within a multi-cultural security policy environment,
- Enhance their ability to critically analyze the **evolving nature of security threats**,
- Assess the effectiveness of **current policy responses**,
- Develop their **network** to pursue collaborative and innovative solutions.

In addition to the LISC Certificate, the course also offers the opportunity to receive a **Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International and European Security**, accredited by the University of Geneva. More detailed information on this programme can be found in the annex enclosed.

The full-time course will be conducted in English at the GCSP in Geneva.

With the support of the Swiss Government, we are pleased to offer the LISC free of tuition charges. However, travel costs and living expenses during the course are the responsibility of the sending government.

Countries may nominate diplomats, military officers, or civil servants from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence, Development, Economy, Finance, Interior, Justice, Prime Minister's office, Presidential Administration or other relevant ministries.

Your country is kindly asked to submit nominations for this course by **Thursday 31 May 2018**. The GCSP strives to meet gender parity in course participation. For this reason, your country is asked to nominate at least two candidates, one female and one male.

For further information, please see the course [webpage](#) or contact: Ms Sophie Ingelaere, Course Coordinator at +41(0)22 730 96 85, fax: +41(0)22 730 96 49, e-mail: lisc@gcsp.ch

We very much look forward to receiving nominations from your country.

Yours sincerely,



Ambassador Christian Dussey
GCSP Director

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Leadership in International Security Course (LISC) *21st Century Peace and Security Challenges: Building a Sustainable Future*

08 October 2018 – 31 May 2019

The 33rd edition of this eight month international security course is designed to increase the knowledge and skills of high-performing professionals, who seek to enhance their career and engage in leadership positions in solving the world's most pressing security challenges.

The course targets individuals who will interact with international agencies engaged in security-related policy planning, political and military decision-making and practical implementation in a range of complex and interlinked security situations.

In addition to the LISC Certificate, the course also offers the opportunity to receive a **Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International and European Security**, jointly run with the Global Studies Institute of the University of Geneva. More detailed information on this programme can be found in the annex.

Course Objectives

The course is designed to advance the knowledge and skills of participants to prepare them for leadership roles in their institution, in particular by enabling them to:

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Course Methodology

The curriculum of the LISC is revised each year in order to incorporate recent international developments, and provides an interactive and flexible approach to learning – the 'GCSP Way' combining the experience and knowledge of scholars, practitioners and participants.

Participants will be engaged through three pillars including classroom analysis, peer to peer networking, and individual skills enhancement:

- **Expert-led sessions on security policy and study visits:** Will provide a comprehensive and global overview of topics related to international security. The lectures are provided by GCSP staff and highly-qualified guest speakers, which will be complemented with study trips to international organizations.
- **Participant engagement and skills enhancement:** Will improve practical professional performance through interactive and/or participant-led assignments and modules on topics including leadership, strategic communication, negotiation, mediation, politico-military cooperation, strategic foresight, effective policy memo writing and reporting, debates, analysis seminars, national security policy presentations, etc.
- **Community-building and networking:** Will promote dialogue and mutual understanding and generate the opportunity to form a long-lasting international community of security policy professionals based on mutual trust and confidence.

A particular focus on **Leadership** is carried throughout the course in both substance and skills enhancement sessions, as part of the GCSP's Alliance with the Centre for Creative Learning (CCL), to develop participants' **individual and collaborative leadership capacity** through theory and practice.

Teaching Staff

In order to develop the relationship between scholars, practitioners and participants, the LISC teaching staff includes GCSP's own international team composed of academics and practitioners with broad experience in security policy, diplomacy and/ or military affairs, as well as high-level experts (academics, government officials, representatives from international institutions, non-governmental organisations, civil society, and the private sector) from across the globe.

Admission Requirements

Participants should be dynamic and highly motivated to study issues of international security, in addition to demonstrating clear potential for leadership. In addition, certain specific criteria are required:

- Applicants should have a university degree or be serving officers (Advanced Military Staff Course completed).
- Applicants should be at a mid-career level, and have a corresponding level of professional or academic experience in the field of international security. Post-graduate training and/or mission experience is an asset.
- Applicants should have an **excellent knowledge of spoken and written English**, the working language for the LISC. A deficit in language capabilities will hinder an applicant's involvement in the course, and may lead to their ineligibility to participate.
- The LISC depends on the continuous and full-time engagement and interaction of all participants throughout the course.

Assessment and Graduation

Participants are assessed based on their participation throughout the course and their performance in a number of specifically assigned exercises and tasks. After successful completion of the course, participants receive a Course Certificate from the GCSP and a letter of assessment is sent to their government.

Upon graduation, participants become members of the Alumni network. This offers access to an online community, regular information on GCSP activities, as well as invitations to designated seminars together with LISC participants and other alumni, either locally or internationally, where participants are updated on current security matters or where they can converge and discuss security issues.

Course Fees

The LISC is offered free of tuition fees as part of Switzerland's contribution to the Partnership for Peace.

Travel Costs and Living Expenses

Travel costs between the home country and Geneva, as well as living expenses and accommodation in Geneva during the course, are the responsibility of the respective sending government or organisation. Travel costs associated with LISC-organised events during the course (e.g. study trips) are paid by the GCSP.

Nomination Procedure

Your country is kindly asked to submit all nominations **by Thursday 31 May 2018**.

Please note that due to the lengthy visa requirements, we must insist on this deadline and advise that late applications will not be considered.

Candidates can apply for the course online by clicking [here](#) or <http://gcspsite.force.com/courseApplication?courseId=01tb00000082IAQ>. The Course Coordinator will then contact the candidate requesting the following documents to complete the nomination file:

- A letter of motivation (max 800 words)
- A curriculum vitae
- A letter of reference signed by the sending authority

The application process is highly competitive, and the course is open to a maximum of 24 participants.

The GCSP will select participants ensuring diversity in ministerial representation, national origin, professional experience, educational/training background. Particular emphasis is placed on **gender parity**. For this reason, your country is asked to nominate at least two candidates, one female and one male.

Given the competitive and demanding nature of the course, in addition to the limited space, only the most qualified candidates will be accepted to the course.

We also draw your attention to the fact that former participants of other GCSP principal courses (the European Training Course in Security Policy and the New Issues in Security Course) are not eligible for the LISC.

For further information, please contact:

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Annex 1:

Master of Advanced Studies in International and European Security (MAS)

The GCSP is delighted to announce that LISC participants have the opportunity to earn a **Master of Advanced Studies in International and European Security (MAS)** (60 ECTS credits). This MAS is jointly run by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Global Studies Institute (GSI) of the University of Geneva – and is based upon the internationally recognized training expertise of GCSP's Leadership in International Security Course in addition to the long-standing academic expertise of the University of Geneva, currently 89th in the QS World University Rankings.

The MAS has a taught and a research component, in addition to the successful completion of the three LISC modules. The taught component consists of the successful completion of the LISC and participation in an additional module taught by the University which will be assessed by a written exam. The research component requires the completion of a research paper (10,000-12,000 words) on an agreed security-related topic, examined by oral defence.

The tuition fee for the Master's programme is **CHF 15'000**. Interested applicants, after having been accepted to the LISC, should contact the Programme Coordinator if they wish to apply for the MAS. Acceptance into the programme is subject to a University of Geneva Admission Board evaluation.

Application materials and further inquiries can be addressed to mas@gcsp.ch or by clicking on the **MAS webpage**.