

# Peeling the Onion: Mediation challenges in international politics, the public and private sectors

Thematic cluster:

**Diplomatic Tradecraft** 

Course dates:

16 - 18 September 2019

**Course location:** 

Geneva, Switzerland

The GCSP practices a teaching and learning method that combines a variety of inputs including lectures followed by Q&A sessions, panel debates, group work and interactive exercises. Participants will receive analytical and practical tools and, through discussions, will develop greater awareness and fresh insights so that they are able to make better use of the opportunities and possibilities of mediation and mediation support in the context of their country and professional backgrounds.

# **COURSE BENEFITS**

The course is expected to have an impact on the participants' work through the acquired knowledge and skills, but also exchange of contacts and building a professional network among them and with the experts from International Geneva.

The "train the trainers" approach implies sharing the gained knowledge by participants with their supervisors and colleagues once back home, which has a multiplying effect and helps to reach out to a larger number of audience.

# Course focus:

Often professionals find themselves in a conflict situation in which they are expected to mediate between conflicting parties, be it in everyday life situations, as a representative of a private or public company confronted with public resentment or protest or in high-level international politics as diplomats.

This course aims at:

- enhancing personal mediation skills,
- improving intuition, judgements and decisionmaking skills in conflict situations,
- enhancing advisory skills for mediation,
- providing an overview of definitions, main principles, techniques and challenges of mediation,
- mapping out different practical experiences and case studies in comparative perspective, and
- engaging participants in inter-active simulation games.





# **Course Director**

Dr Carsten Wieland, Geneva/
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2006-08 country director of the
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# **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

Executives and decision-makers from:

- diplomacy and government (local or national)
- international organizations
- military
- · public sector
- private sector
- civil society
- M.A. and PhD candidates researching in related areas

## **Tuition fees**

1'500 CHF

Apply by 16 July 2019 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

16 August 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

#### **Contact**

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# **Alumni Community**

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## **GCSP**

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#### **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.

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