



## Legal Dimensions of Contemporary and Future Use of Force

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### Thematic cluster:

Security and Law

### Course dates:

November 2019

### Course location:

Geneva, Switzerland

The use of force in peacetime and during armed conflicts has various forms and manifestations, and the respective international law is highly complex. This course provides a comprehensive overview of the legal rules applicable to the use of force, and teaches the skills to work effectively with legal concepts and documents.

### COURSE BENEFITS

The use of force is increasingly regulated by a complexity of legal instruments and norms. High-quality analysis of conflicts and effective policymaking is not feasible without mastering the respective legal landscape. Convening a variety of professions from different continents, the course promotes innovative exchange of opinions and ideas, fostering a unique global network.

The course enables you to:

- understand international law on the use of force, as well as its effects and limits
- analyse international legal processes and documents
- articulate legally sound security policy decisions
- influence the development of new international law on and related to the use of force

### COURSE FOCUS:

The course introduces the main concepts of international law on the use of force, notably *ius ad bellum*, international humanitarian law, human rights law, and international criminal law. It examines how international law on the use of force relates to (geo-) political and practical realities, such as great power politics, armed non-state actors, and institutions of international justice. The course also studies contemporary cases of use of force, and discusses how contemporary and future legal and policy-related challenges can be addressed.

The course consists of first-class expert presentations, current case studies, and stimulating debates with experienced peers. The course equips participants with documents that support their daily work in whatever sphere they operate.



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## Course Director

**Tobias Vestner** heads Security and Law activities at the GCSP. A former Research Affiliate and Fellow at Georgetown University, he worked for the Export Control Policy Section and the Law of Armed Conflict Section of the Swiss Government. His work focuses on the nexus between security policy and international law.

## 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 following professionals will benefit from attending the course:

- military staff
- diplomats
- government officials
- staff of international organisations
- security experts
- humanitarian actors

### Tuition fees

CHF 1'500

Apply by September 2019 to qualify for a 15% discount. Alumni qualify for a 20% discount. A limited number of partial tuition waivers and scholarships may be available.

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

### Registration deadline

October 2019

### 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

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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.

### Customised Solutions

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. Contact us to discuss your needs and requirements.

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