

EXECUTIVE COURSE

DRUG POLICY, DIPLOMACY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

NEGOTIATING THE HEALTH DIMENSION OF DRUG POLICIES

- Intensive three-day course with renowned faculty and leading practitioners
- Combine theory and practice through lectures, high-level panels and exercises
- Meet in the world's global health capital
- Organised by the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute

Dates: 29 - 31 October 2018
Duration: Three full days (including an evening session)
Tuition: CHF 1,800
Application deadline: 1 October 2018
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The 2016 United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the World Drug Problem set the tone for the drug policy reform debate, but as we approach the 2019 UNGASS many fear that this tone will be lost.

«The debate is gaining momentum again in a much polarised political environment, as we prepare for the ten years review of the World plan of action on drugs in March 2019»

Professor Michel Kazatchkine, Course Director

The debate on drug policy reform goes far beyond law-enforcement and prohibition. It intersects also with public health and human rights. This course will therefore discuss questions such as: What should the new direction post - 2019 be for the future UN governance of international drug policy? How can different actors contribute to a global process in order to ensure that drug policies improve rather than harm the health and welfare of people? How can the UN have a meaningful and impactful role in addressing drug policy? What should the role of civil society and user networks be in the international debate on drug policies?

COURSE CONTENT

This three-day course is designed to increase the understanding of participants on the main intersections between drug policy, public health and human rights in global policy processes. It includes the following modules:

- **International Drug Control Regime and the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) 2019**
- **Drug control, public health and human rights**
- **Drug policy stakeholders and perspectives**

The course is highly participatory, drawing on the national and international experiences of participants through a multi-disciplinary learning process. It includes lectures by internationally-renowned experts and negotiators, case studies, and working groups. A negotiation simulation exercise will complement the learning experience.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Policy-makers involved in public health, drug policy, and human rights negotiations including:

- Government representatives from ministries of health, foreign affairs, justice, interior and drug control agencies
- Representatives from international and regional institutions
- Health attachés and diplomats with a portfolio linked to health or drug policy
- Professionals in academia
- Representatives from non-governmental organisations

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Gain insight into the key concepts and current issues related to the international drug control regime and its intersection with public health and human rights
- Analyse the role of the Geneva and Vienna-based agencies in international process such as UNGASS 2019
- Inform and influence the design and the implementation of drugs policies nationally and internationally
- Identify the different stakeholders of the current drug policy debate and international processes
- Consider national measures that protect public health in conformity with the international drug regime

COURSE DIRECTORS

Professor Michel Kazatchkine, Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Commissioner, Global Commission on Drug Policy

Professor Thomas Zeltner, former Secretary of Health of Switzerland and Director-General of the Swiss National Health Authority; Chairperson of the Advisory Board, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

CERTIFICATE

Participants who complete the course will receive a certificate of attendance from the Graduate Institute. Participants have the possibility to complement the course with a research paper and earn 3 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System).

This course can also be recognised as part of the Graduate Institute's Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Global Health Diplomacy.

THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE, GENEVA: A WELL-ESTABLISHED REPUTATION

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is an acclaimed institution of research and postgraduate education dedicated to the study of world affairs, with a particular emphasis on the cross-cutting fields of international relations and development issues. The Institute is a long-standing member of the prestigious Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA). Through our core activities, we aim to promote international cooperation and make a contribution to the progress of developing societies. More broadly, we endeavor to develop creative thinking on the major challenges of our time, foster global responsibility and advance respect for diversity.

The Global Health Centre (GHC) is the Graduate Institute's research centre on global health governance and diplomacy. It is one of the first of its kind and it reflects the wider trend in both the practice and the analysis of global health, which pays increasing attention to the links between health, foreign policy, trade and development. The Centre builds capacity by engaging in research, knowledge translation and diffusion as well as by conducting executive training in global health diplomacy for and with major stakeholders in Geneva and worldwide. The Global Health Centre offers courses in Geneva in collaboration with the Institute's Executive Education Department and in cooperation with partners in other locations.

Executive Education incorporates the Institute's thematic research on important global issues in its programmes for working professionals, and provides a multi-stakeholder platform for forward-looking analysis and professional development.

A WORLD-CLASS LOCATION

Geneva is internationally recognised as the 'health capital of the world'. It hosts not only the World Health Organization (WHO) but also 80 organisations active in global health, with which the GHC is superbly networked, making it an ideal place to study, teach and research global health diplomacy.

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