



MASTER IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
SPECIALISATION TRACK

POWER AND CONFLICT

THE
GRADUATE
INSTITUTE
GENEVA

INTERDISCIPLINARY
MASTERS

This specialisation track focuses on the issues of power, conflict and development, and the interactions among them.

Examining the nature of power and the origins and effects of armed conflict and their implications for development, the track surveys the historical and contemporary manifestations of these processes with a view to endow students with the ability to critically understand them and practically map their evolution and transformation. Specifically, students are introduced to the role of the state and non-state actors, real and symbolic power structures, the multifaceted drivers of violence, the complexity of humanitarian challenges and the politics of collective responses to them, peacebuilding issues and contexts, and regional and international conflict.

The interlocked nature of these questions, considered at the level of the individual and the community, is delved into against the background of their cross-cutting relations to contemporary international governance and their impact on socioeconomic and human development. The range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses offered seeks to develop the capacity of the students to become fully acquainted with the articulation of power dynamics analytically but equally in relation to concrete situations and environments that are affected by perpetuating, protracted or recurring armed conflict.

Built as an integral part of the track, a capstone project further exposes students to key actors and institutions involved in the prevention, mitigation and management of armed conflict.

CORE COURSE

- State-Building and War-Making in the Developing World | **Mohamed Mahmoud Mohamedou**

ELECTIVES

- African Peace and Security Challenges (3 ECTS) | **Eric Degila**
- Conflict and Development | **Rebecca Tapscott**
- Cooperation and Competition, Security in Europe and the Role of the OSCE (3 ECTS) | **Fred Tanner**
- Corruption Histories | **Rui Pedro Esteves**
- Economics of Natural Resources, Conflict and Development | **Nicolas Berman**
- Empire: Past, Present and Future | **Cyrus Schayegh**
- Humanitarian Adventures: Actors, Institutions and Contemporary Issues | **Davide Rodogno**
- International Learning in a Multiplayer World | **Amandeep Gill**
- International Response to Humanitarian Crisis | **Paola Gaeta**
- On 'Doing Good': Ethics, Power and Privilege in International Engagement | **Claudia Seymour**
- Peace Mediation in a Changing World | **Achim Wennmann**
- Population and Development | **Isabel Pike**
- Predicting Crises | **Ravinder Bhavnani**
- Race and Mobility: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives | **Gopalan Balachandran**
- Security, Secrecy, and Surveillance | **Filipe Calvão**
- United Nations: A Global History | **Jussi Hanhimäki**
- Authoritarianism and Democracy in Latin America: From Independence to the 2010s (3 ECTS)*
Edoardo Altamura
- Génocide et responsabilité internationale* | **Paola Gaeta**
- Histories of Truth, Facts and Uncertainty* | **Aidan Russell**
- A History of the Post-September 11 Era* | **Mohamed Mahmoud Mohamedou**
- Identity and Conflictuality in the Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa* | **Eric Degila**
- Illicit Economies* | **Filipe Calvão**
- Political Justice and Human Rights: Foundational Questions* | **Maria Neus Torbisco Casals**
- Screening the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Competing and Complementary Narratives through Cinematic Representations* | **Riccardo Bocco**
- The State: Post-Colonial Perspectives* | **Shalini Randeria**
- Totalitarianism: Theories and Case Studies* | **Carolyn Bilotto**
- UN Peace Operations in the Changing World* | **Sara Anna Hellmüller**
- Understanding Terrorism: History, Context and New Challenges* | **Mohamed Mahmoud Mohamedou**
- Violence, History and Memory in Twentieth-Century Africa* | **Aidan Russell**
- Violent Urban Crime* | **Ravinder Bhavnani**

* Course open in priority to disciplinary programmes.