

Engaging the Future

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Our world is increasingly uncertain and fragmented, yet we have never been so interdependent. In a context where crises with a global impact are accumulating and interacting, we need to embrace this complexity and actively shape a desirable future. Help us engage the future. Your generosity will be a catalyst for change!

A Century of Impact

Since 1927, the Geneva Graduate Institute (then HEI) has been a pioneer in the exploration of global issues and their governance. Our history parallels that of International Geneva – and our projection as a player in multilateralism is deeply rooted in our Genevan and Swiss roots.

Our strategic ambitions are based on the Institute's emblematic role as a vector of multilateralism, while adapting it to the new realities of the world.

As we approach the celebration of the Institute's 100th anniversary in 2027, our strategic forecast underlines more than ever the relevance of what we do at the Institute and the urgency of the issues we explore. This ability to look confidently to the future is based on solid foundations and on the spectacular growth of recent years, but it also requires new investments and resources.

Confronting Today's Toughest Challenges: Six Global Issues in Focus

The challenges facing our world are many and interwoven. We identify six as being of particular priority. Beyond the three pillars of our Charter – Peace, Sustainability and Equity – the issues of Multilateralism, Democracy and Technology must be at the heart of our strategic projection.

The skills that have historically defined the Institute – critical thinking, transdisciplinarity, the articulation of research with expertise and practice, innovation and agility – are particularly relevant to tackling these issues and the challenges that characterise them.

We are at a turning point. Thinking through the interwoven complexity of these issues is the sine qua non of an even more ambitious project – that of re-enchanting humanity to ensure its resilience and survival.

Help us Engage the Future and Shape a Brighter World

Together, let's engage the future. Join us on this journey and let your generosity be the catalyst for change.



Think

Expand Frontiers of Thought, Explore Alternative Perspectives, New Ideas and Solutions

Contemporary challenges and their interwoven complexity call for new ideas and new solutions. In times of radical uncertainty, like those we are living, critical thinking and the exploration of alternative perspectives have never been as necessary. The Institute has a long tradition of interdisciplinarity and open thinking. Still, we need to go further.

Preparing Future Leaders for the Technologies of Tomorrow

The nature of contemporary challenges implies that future leaders and decision makers will need to have an informed understanding of the technological turn. At the same time, the words of Rabelais ring more true than ever – “Knowledge without conscience is but ruin of the soul”. While social sciences are an important instrument of critical thinking, they need to be complemented by philosophy, literature and the arts.

Moreover, as the world undergoes profound geopolitical changes and moves to become multipolar, the future of multilateralism is uncertain. In this context, the Institute must encourage a wide range of perspectives, rich and open interactions, and foster dynamics of mutual learning between different parts of the world.

The Faculty Annual Chairs

The common mechanism we propose in order to expand our tradition of interdisciplinarity and open thinking is the Faculty Annual Chairs. The mechanism is flexible and can be used to bring into the Institute new disciplines, new topics, new regional foci. Here are three examples of themes that are clear priorities for the Institute:

- Technological Frontiers
- Philosophy and Literature
- Africa in the World

Chair holders will change every year – and the selection will follow a general thematic orientation common to the Institute for a particular year. This thematic framing will facilitate and foster interactions between Annual Chair Holders as well as integration in the intellectual life of the Institute.

***Help us launch an
Annual Faculty Chair
to expand
frontiers of thought!***



Include

Ensure Equitable Access to Quality Education and a Diverse Student Population

“Make a Difference” Scholarships

We want to make sure that excellent students from around the world do not have to abandon their dream of joining the Institute and of ultimately making a significant contribution to the world because they cannot finance their studies in Geneva. Our “Make a Difference” scholarships target students combining excellence and need.

We will give priority to regions of the world that are under-represented at the Institute or are facing critical times.

On many dimensions, Africa is the continent of the future. Its rapid demographic growth and the youth of its population are the basis of an innovative and entrepreneurial potential that will be impossible to match in other parts of the world in coming years and decades. The African continent is rising as a major actor of multilateralism – affirming its own voice. The training of a new generation of leaders and decision-makers for the region and the world should be one of our priorities at the Institute. Bringing excellent African students to Geneva implies financial support – fellowships do make a difference!

They also make a difference in parts of the world facing critical times. In the spring of 2023, we launched the Maria Rosario Lazzati Niada Scholarship for Afghan women. The association Arghosha Faraways Schools is financing the Scholarship for the first three years – but we need to keep it alive well beyond. Other regions where a critical situation calls for a particular focus at this time are the Middle East or Ukraine.

The Geneva Graduate Institute is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and all applications are considered on their merit.

***Make a difference
– Help a generation
of students who will make
a significant contribution
to the world!***

Testimonials of Past Scholarship Beneficiaries

The support from the FERIS Foundation inspired me to work harder to give back to the community, a dream that will be realised soon through my foundation to support girl child education.

Monica Selasi BOTCHWAY, Ghana, Master in Development Studies,
recipient of the FERIS Scholarship in 2021–2022

I was humbled and honoured to be the first Salvadoran to obtain this dual master with Harvard Kennedy School thanks to the support of the Pierre Keller Scholarship.

Egriselda GONZALEZ LOPEZ, El Salvador, Master in International Affairs,
recipient of the Pierre Keller Scholarship in 2017–2018 and 2018–2019

For a student like me who came from one of the poorest countries in Africa, pursuing a PhD at one of the most prestigious institutes in the world would have been impossible if it was not for the generous financial support of Michael and Shadia Schneider.

Wubeshet TIRUNEH, Ethiopia, PhD Candidate in International Law,
recipient of the Michael and Shadia Schneider Scholarship in 2017–2018 and 2018–2019



Monica Selasi Botchway



Impact

Mobilise Our Research and Communities to Engage with Contemporary Challenges

La Fabrique de la paix

In a global context of rapid change and increasingly complex challenges, transformation and adaptation are high on the policy agenda of both private and public organisations.

As part of its commitment to open creative spaces for diverse communities and to foster an engagement toward a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable world, the Geneva Graduate Institute has created la Fabrique de la paix – or the fab – a place to forge and showcase collaborative solutions for the world of today and tomorrow. At the intersection of our interdisciplinary research, our rich international community of students and our broad network of partner organisations in International Geneva and beyond, the fab can become an important laboratory for the transformation of multilateralism. The fab's objectives are to:

- **Spark** creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship. For example *The Futures Series* uses different techniques and approaches to explore our future. It combines events, conferences, workshops, hackathons and challenges to encourage our community to be an active agent in shaping our future, promoting innovative and desirable solutions.

- **Nurture** necessary skills and competencies as well as projects. The fab organises workshops and trainings to promote and develop creativity and entrepreneurship among our students and researchers, going beyond traditional academic skills. The fab can also provide incubation support for projects initiated and run by our students.

- **Connect** people and ideas within the Institute and well beyond. The fab serves as a “Grand Central Station” for the Institute’s students and staff and its partners to build bridges across research, teaching and student engagement at the interface of research, policy and action. The fab also allows us to reach the *Cité* – mostly through accessible events that showcase our research and projects (like an annual Book and Podcast Fair) but also through Art initiatives and events that open the doors of the Maison de la paix in different ways and to a larger public.

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la Fabrique de la paix!*

<https://www.graduateinstitute.ch/FAB>



The Tech Hub – Human Intelligence in Technology

The Geneva Graduate Institute has long been exploring the question of technology and its role in international relations, conflict and security, war and peace.

The new technological turn – digital, AI, synthetic biology – creates both unprecedented opportunities and challenges. More than ever, social and human sciences have an important role to play in the exploration of the complex role and place of technology. Even more importantly, they should be at the forefront for the necessary integration of responsibility and humanity in emerging technologies, right from the design stage.

The Tech Hub was created for this purpose in 2022. It brings together an interdisciplinary community of expertise to explore the social, political, human, governance and ethical dimensions of the contemporary technological turn. The opportunities and existential threats these technologies represent are by nature global – hence the peculiar role and responsibility of the Institute in leading on these issues. We are committed to:

1. Future-proofing our community for a tech-intensive world
2. Shaping the future by influencing the design, policy and governance of technology.

To achieve these objectives, we focus our efforts on **three key pillars**:

- **Learn** digital skills and literacy: preparing our community for the tech-intensive world of today and tomorrow. We offer courses, workshops and digital content for students, researchers, faculty and staff on digital tools, methods, critical thinking and the socio-political dynamics of technology.

- **Incubate** unexplored transdisciplinary research: exploring new areas of research relevant to the Institute. We are currently focusing on the governance of synthetic biology and artificial intelligence. We host technology-related applied research projects led by students on topics as diverse as virtual reality, the metaverse and quantum technologies.

- **Shape** tech design, policy, and governance: connecting tech-related research at the Institute with tech-related policy and governance discussions in International Geneva and beyond. We ensure a higher visibility of our research and position the Institute as a place of expertise and excellence in the field of tech-related policy and governance issues.

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The Geneva Policy Outlook

The Geneva Policy Outlook (GPO) is an initiative to shape and accelerate the adaptation of Geneva as a global hub in a rapidly changing world. It does so through activities to keep the finger on the pulse on Geneva's policy spaces and to help better understand dynamics of multilateral negotiations or institutional reforms. Key activities are:

- **Community building**, including by nurturing a group of senior policy makers and thinkers united to wanting to understand and shape the future of global governance, especially through hubs like Geneva.

- **Strategic convening**, including Chatham House breakfasts, lunches or dinners featuring speakers and off-the-record discussions on key emerging global trends or on specific regional developments or crises.

- **An annual flagship publication** featuring key issues to watch and analysis on key negotiations and reform processes happening in Geneva.

The GPO builds on the achievements of the pilot phase in 2022 that nurtured a community of 50 senior policy makers and thinkers from International Geneva and beyond, and produced the inaugural annual flagship publication – *Geneva Policy Outlook 2023*.

This publication featured 18 think pieces in English, French and German on issues to watch this year and on key negotiations. The pilot phase has delivered a proof of concept based on which the GPO obtained core funding for 2023–2026 from the Republic and Canton of Geneva, the City of Geneva, and the Fondation pour Genève to assure strategic convenings and the annual flagship publication.

The GPO would welcome additional support to expand its international ambitions and establish itself as a new voice on global issues based on the foundations of Geneva as a global hub for over 150 years. This would mean:

- The publication of two special thematic issues per year;
- Specific updates on ongoing negotiations, new topics, or major conferences taking place in Geneva or elsewhere;
- Expanding the multi-language dimension of the GPO in order to make discussions on global governance themes more inclusive and accessible.

Overall, there is opportunity to grow the GPO into a forum contributing to the acceleration of the adaptation of multilateralism to our rapidly changing world.

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Outlook!*

Support the Geneva Graduate Institute

Choose the fund you want to support:

THINK FUND

- Faculty Annual Chair in Technological Frontiers
- Faculty Annual Chair in Philosophy and Literature
- Faculty Chair "Africa in the World"

Each Chair will call for CHF 300,000 per year.

INCLUDE FUND – "Make a Difference" Scholarships

- Scholarships for students from Africa
- The Maria Rosario Lazzati Niada Fellowship Fund for Afghan women

Even small gifts can make difference.

- A full scholarship associated with your name

A scholarship will call for CHF 25,000 (living costs and tuition fees) per year.

IMPACT FUND

- The fab
- The Tech Hub
- The Geneva Policy Outlook

UNRESTRICTED FUND

- Donation to an unrestricted fund that helps support our key priorities listed above.

How to Make a Donation

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FERIS

The "Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales en Suisse" (Foundation for the Study of International Relations in Switzerland, FERIS) was established in 1957 by Jacques Freymond to raise funding that is managed independently from the Institute but in the Institute's interests.

The Friends of the Graduate Institute, Geneva, Inc.

Created in 2010 to support the Institute's projects, this foundation took over from FERIS America. Like its predecessor, its donations are tax-exempt (501 (c) (3) status).



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