

GET READY TO SHAPE TOMORROW'S WORLD

**GENEVA
GRADUATE
INSTITUTE**

Join Us to Engage with the Ideas and Actors Shaping Our World

Located in the heart of International Geneva, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is a centre of academic excellence and policy dialogue, dedicated to advancing knowledge and understanding of global affairs and development studies.

- Learn with world-renowned faculty;
- Join our diverse, welcoming community of 100+ nationalities;
- Access international career and internship opportunities;
- Enjoy a competitive cost of attendance.

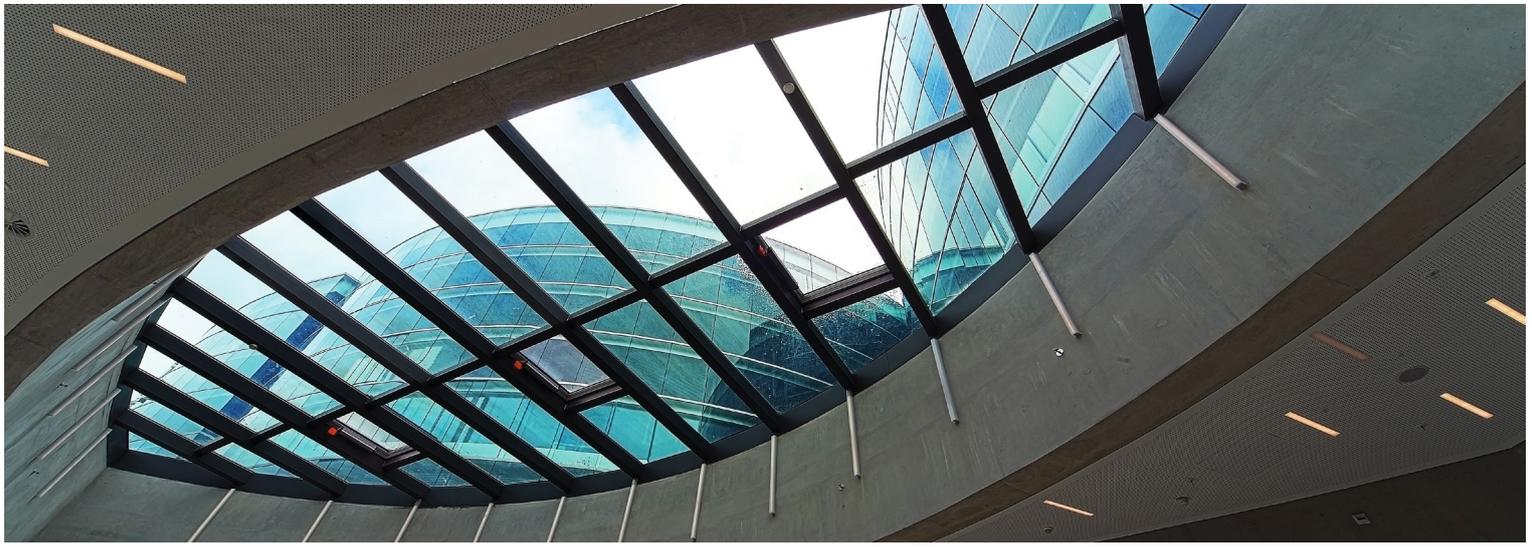
Bridging international relations and development studies, the Institute fosters:

- Innovative research across disciplines and regions;
- International cooperation and policy engagement;
- Critical thinking on peace, justice, sustainability, and global equity;
- A strong commitment to diversity, inclusion, and responsibility.

Our students are prepared to lead and innovate across sectors. With a strong foundation in international affairs and interdisciplinary research, they go on to shape the world in diverse ways:

- International cooperation — from ministries and central banks to NGOs and IGOs;
- Private sector — including multinational corporations, finance, law, consulting, and communications;
- Knowledge and influence — in academia, think tanks, foundations, and global media.

Benefiting from its proximity to International Geneva, our community is as global and dynamic as the challenges we address.



Analysing Global Challenges

Our mission is to analyse the world's challenges through teaching, research, professional training, and forum activities, focusing on priority thematic areas.

VISION

A pioneer in the exploration of global issues, the Geneva Graduate Institute opens creative spaces for diverse communities, and promotes the understanding and engagement essential to a peaceful, equitable, and sustainable world.

MISSION

Located in the heart of International Geneva, we produce and share academic knowledge and expertise in international relations, development issues, global challenges, and governance. Through a combination of scientific excellence, interdisciplinarity, and critical thinking, we nurture students to become decision makers open to multiple perspectives. We equip them with the skills, confidence, and sense of responsibility necessary to drive positive transformation.

PRINCIPLES

Excellence		Peace
Independence		
Critical thinking	— (for) —→	Equity
Diversity		
Engagement		Sustainability

RESEARCH CLUSTERS

- Arts, Culture & Religion
- Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations
- Democracy & Civil Society
- Development & Cooperation
- Diplomacy & Global Governance
- Education, Information & Media
- Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality
- Global Health
- Human Rights, Humanitarianism, Justice & Inclusion
- Peace, War, Conflicts & Security
- Sustainability, Environment, Anthropocene & SDGs
- Technology
- Trade, Finance, Economies & Work

“ A pioneer in the academic exploration of global issues, the Geneva Graduate Institute will help you forge your own path and equip you with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and sense of responsibility necessary to drive positive transformation in the world. You will join a global community of peers and practice critical thinking with faculty experts, leaders in international relations and development research. ”

MARIE-LAURE SALLES, Director, Geneva Graduate Institute



Disciplinary Programmes

The Institute's diverse faculty and student body form an innovative, cosmopolitan, and enriching academic community, supporting you as you acquire the skills and networks needed to pursue an exciting career.

DISCIPLINARY MASTERS

Our disciplinary Master's programmes provide in-depth academic training in five core fields of international studies:

- Anthropology & Sociology
- International Economics
- International History & Politics
- International Law
- International Relations/Political Science

Combining rigorous theoretical foundations with applied perspectives and cutting-edge research, they equip students with strong analytical skills and the tools to address complex global challenges within their chosen discipline.

PHD PROGRAMMES

Our four-year PhD programmes combine advanced research training with targeted skill development. From the outset, students follow intensive courses in theory and methodology, preparing them to think critically, design robust research, and engage with key debates in their field. In the third semester, they present their thesis proposal, a major milestone towards the final defence at the end of the programme.

All admitted PhD students benefit from a comprehensive four-year financial package, including a monthly stipend and a substantial tuition fee reduction. Applicants holding external four-year scholarships are also welcome to apply.

As the programme progresses, students follow a structured professional development track focused on research and teaching, and can gain valuable hands-on teaching experience to strengthen their academic profile and prepare for a successful career in academia or beyond.

“ Pursuing a PhD, with the four-year financial package from the Geneva Graduate Institute, as part of the International History and Politics Department, allows for close supervision and interactions with historians writing histories with an interdisciplinary perspective. The package has helped me to conduct extensive research across India and Myanmar. Internal PhD forums and collaboration with the Pierre du Bois Foundation lead me to execute my own workshop, curating the PhD journey beyond thesis-writing. As a Teaching Assistant, I also experience the joys of leading seminars and supporting MA students. ”

SAHELI CHATTERJEE, PhD Student in International History and Politics



Interdisciplinary Master in International and Development Studies (MINT)

Our Master in International and Development Studies (MINT) offers a unique blend of a strong interdisciplinary core and the opportunity to specialise in one of seven key areas for international affairs. Mixing the advantages of academic rigour with a particular accent on applied research, practice and skills, the programme bridges theory and application across topics and disciplines. Throughout the programme, students develop essential transversal competencies that are highly valued by employers across sectors. In their final semester, students participate in dedicated seminars and forums designed to prepare them to thrive in a variety of career paths. Those interested in pursuing a more research- or academic-oriented career will have the option to apply for a Master thesis.

SPECIALISATIONS

- Conflict, Peace & Security
- Environment & Sustainability
- Gender, Race & Diversity
- Global Health
- Human Rights & Humanitarianism
- Mobilities, Migrations & Boundaries
- Sustainable Trade & Finance

APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS (ARPs)

A foundational component of the MINT programme, Applied Research Projects (ARPs) provide a unique pedagogical experience, allowing small groups of students to conduct policy-relevant research with partner organisations. Partners come from a diverse range of sectors and include governmental, non-governmental, international, and non-profit organisations, as well as corporations, associations and foundations, mostly from International Geneva.

“ MINT is unique in that it covers development studies and international relations in an interconnected, interdisciplinary, and thematic way, focusing on the areas of research and teaching that make up the Institute’s DNA. ”

DAVIDE **RODOGNO**, Head of MINT

“ The MINT programme has been a game-changer for me. It opened my eyes to the fact that the skills we develop in international studies can be applied in so many non-conventional fields such as sports, science, finance, tech, etc. It challenged the idea that working at the UN, governments or an international organisation is the only way forward, even though those paths are incredibly rewarding and prestigious. Instead, it showed me that there are countless ways to make an impact. ”

FRANCISCO JOSÉ **PEREIRA CHARRUA**, MINT Student



Academic Exchanges

Master and PhD students have the opportunity to take part in our prestigious exchange programmes with world-renowned partner universities across every continent, expanding their academic and cultural perspectives while building a truly international network.

Alumnae-i

From Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, to General Directors of international organisations, and a UN Secretary General, but also key actors of national politics and the private sector, Geneva Graduate Institute alumnae-i have positively impacted the world since 1927. The Institute unites an active and vibrant community of alumnae-i in over 100 countries.

Career Services

Our mission is to prepare our students across a wide range of fields, including but not limited to international organisations, the non-profit sector, national and local governments, diplomacy, journalism, academia, development agencies, humanitarian action, international finance, and the private sector. Our dedicated Career Services team works closely with students to help them workshop their skills, find internships, and prepare for life in the international world. Close ties with alumnae-i facilitate access to an important network of public and private sector employers in Switzerland and abroad.

Public Events

Every year, the Institute organises over 230 lectures, panel debates, conferences, and film screenings on campus. Our rich events programme contributes to a better understanding of the contemporary world's major challenges, and offers an opportunity for students to interact with members of the international community.

Student Initiatives

The Institute prides itself on its vibrant and engaged student community. The Graduate Institute Student Association (GISA) is closely integrated in the Institute community and brings together 33 student initiatives dedicated to various regional, cultural, and political causes and interests. Initiatives include the Afrique Students' Association, Contemporary East Asia Studies Initiative, Feminist Collective, Geneva Debate, Graduate Press, Junior Diplomats Initiative, Latin American Network Initiative, Middle East and North African Initiative, Peacebuilding Initiative, TEDxGVAGrad, and more. Initiative board members gain valuable leadership experience, while members benefit from events and opportunities to further their extra-curricular interests and networks.



Academic Exchanges



Inspiring Alumnae-i Stories



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A Campus in the Heart of International Geneva

Our beautiful campus extends from the United Nations' headquarters to the shores of Lake Geneva. Modern buildings such as the Maison de la Paix, the Grand Morillon Student Residence and the Edgar and Danièle de Picciotto Student Residence juxtapose historic villas and the nearby headquarters of the World Trade Organization, UNHCR, ICRC, and other leading international organisations.

The Institute's newest student residence, Grand Morillon, was designed by world-renowned architect Kengo Kuma, and has added 700 beds to the existing 250-capacity of the Edgar and Danièle de Picciotto Student Residence, providing housing for a large proportion of our student body.

“ Studying at the Geneva Graduate Institute has been an incredible experience, where I've had the freedom to dive into any area of International Relations and Political Science that sparks my interest, thanks to the wide range of courses available in all of the programmes. The flexibility here has allowed me to push myself outside of my academic comfort zone, such as submitting unconventional final projects — videos, syllabi, posters, etc. — that reflect my passion for blending theory and praxis. ”

SHRUTI **SATISH**, Master Student in International Relations/Political Science



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