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A primary focus of the Gulf Research Center is to conduct a variety of high level learning programs with practical policy value. Following the successful establishment of its Executive Learning Program, the Gulf Research Center and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy are organizing a series on “Global Leadership Issues.” The central aim of the course is to improve the leadership skills and knowledge of mid-level professionals concerned with crucial global issues. This includes both the governmental and the private sector. Sensitive topics on issues such as security, economics, and politics will be deeply enmeshed in a process of interaction between leading scholars in those respective fields, as well as, senior officials from the public and private sectors.



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In the contemporary global context of security challenges, political developments and economic activities, leaders in these three spheres can no longer function isolated in their own sphere and insulated from the world.

- The global security landscape has changed radically, with the expansion of new threats and their linkages to each other. Terrorism, weapons proliferation, natural disasters (forest fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, avian flu), organised crime and conflicts are significant threats to national and global security. Furthermore, they are linked to each other in complex and dynamic ways.
- Globalisation is having a unique impact on the international political order and the role of State structures. Regional challenges are impacting the world in ways not experienced before. Even traditional societies are challenged in new ways.
- Energy supply remaining at a constant level, the demand of emerging economic giants is increasing. New technology has transformed traditional notions of market economy. Global labour movements are changing production methods and centres. The role of the WTO is not without controversy.

The Global Leadership Program responds to the urgent need to understand each of these spheres in themselves and in connection to each other. The specific objectives include:

- To improve the knowledge of mid-level professionals sitting at the crucial intersection of politics, defense and economics about global developments and their impact on state and society
- To discuss and analyze current, previous as well as anticipated critical political issues concerning global developments
- To create a unique learning environment by inviting senior scholars, educators and political and economic figures from a number of different fields.
- To make experts exchange their ideas and engage in the discussion of the topics initiated by the program.

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This course exposes practitioners from the public and private sectors to the range of interlinked challenges in the global security, political and economic contexts, and prepares them to comprehend and respond to these challenges.



Participants in the public sector will include: officials of Ministries of Defence, Foreign and Home Affairs, Economy, Justice, National Security Councils, Chambers of Commerce and governmental security think tanks. Participants from the private sector will include business leaders and other corporate professionals.

The course is taught through a combination of presentations and lectures, case studies, interactive groupwork and participant-led panels, as well as simulation exercises. We offer a range of practical and academic insights: current practitioners will offer insights based on direct field work-based experience; others will be resident faculty and experts.

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The Global Leadership Program is a multi-week program spread out over separate modules throughout the year and focusing on the main and key political, security and economics topics that concerned political and economic figures need to be aware of.

The Global Leadership Program takes place in Geneva, Switzerland. This ideal location is not only at the heart of Europe but also brings together a host of governments and international organizations.





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The Global Leadership Program is sponsored jointly by the Gulf Research Center (GRC) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)

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The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) is an international foundation established in 1995 within the framework of the Swiss participation in the Partnership for Peace (PfP). GCSP engages in four core activities: training diplomats, military officers and other civil servants in international security policy; research and seminars to support the training activities; conferences and outreach to promote dialogue on various security-related issues; and networking in the security field.

The Gulf Research Center

GRC is a leading Arab think tank focusing on political, strategic, economic and social research questions confronting the Arab world. GRC combines the qualities of research expertise, a broad network of researchers and partners from which to draw on with its in-depth knowledge about the current status of public policy research in the Arab world.

Application and Costs

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To apply for the program, a completed application form must be submitted to the Gulf Research Center. A form is attached to this brochure or can be downloaded through the GRC website. Prospective candidates are encouraged to apply online. Only complete applications will be considered.

The fee for each Global leadership module is CHF 5,000. The tuition price includes participation in all the sessions of the program, all necessary conference materials, the conference reader, as well as lunches for the entire week and dinners on selected evenings. The fee does not include travel expenses to and from Geneva nor hotel accommodations. Preferential rates at the Intercontinental Hotel in Geneva are available. Payment of the conference fee for the Global Security & Politics module is due in full by August 25, 2007.



Political Leadership in the Contemporary Global Context

Understanding the International Architecture

- Globalization, the International System and the Future of the State, Impact on Societies, Migration
- The United States and its Future Role as the World's Superpower
- Russia, Central Asia and South Caucasus
- What Role for the European Continent?
- The Impact of a Rising China and India
- Rising Powers – Who is Next?

Global Actors

- Multilateral Security Architecture and Regional Stability
- EU, US, Russian Federation, Emerging Global Actors - China, India, Brazil

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Strategic Security Challenges for Global Actors

- WMD Proliferation
- Terrorism, Violent Non-State Actors, Weapons Proliferation
- Failed or Failing States
- Trans-National Organized Crime

Factors of Stability / Instability

- Governance, Rule of Law, Human Rights, Role of Civil Society, Corruption
- Migration, Demography & Integration
- Public Health (HIV/Aids, Avian Flue) in a Globalized World
- Managing Natural Resources in the Middle East and Environmental Change



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Crisis Management, Conflict Cycle & Global Security

- Preventing Conflict, Early Indicators
- Conflict Management, Post-Conflict Stabilisation & Reconstruction

Paradigms for The 21st Century: Trends, Trajectories & Implications for Stability

Competing Perspectives

- Regional – EU; Brazil, Russia, India, China (BRIC); Middle East
- Sectoral – Cultural; Economical; Political
- Comparing Institutional Perceptions



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