

EXECUTIVE COURSE

DRUG POLICY 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 Programme at the Graduate Institute, led by Professor Ilona Kickbusch

Dates: 22 – 24 February 2016
Duration: Three full days (including an evening session)
Tuition: CHF 1,800
Application deadline: 10 January 2016
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The Political Declaration of the 1998 United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the 'World Drug Problem' called for eliminating illicit drugs in a decade. Eighteen years later and with drugs now being more easily available and less expensive, the General Assembly decided to reconvene an UNGASS in April 2016. More countries from the Americas and Europe are calling for an open debate and for the introduction of innovative policies that will enable countries to ensure the health and welfare of mankind, the original goal of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs.

Countries are now facing the challenges of the horizontal-nature of the drug issue that goes far beyond law-enforcement and prohibition. How can countries have a coordinated response, in compliance with international drug control rules, when their ministries of health tend to treat users, while their ministries of interior and justice tend to criminalise them? How can WHO have a meaningful and impactful role in the drugs issue? And how can UNGASS 2016 shift drug control and include better health outcomes for affected people?

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. It includes the following modules:

- **The drug control regime and the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) 2016**
- **The impact of the drug control regime on health and human rights**
- **Drug policies at the international and national levels**

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:

- Governments' representatives from presidential offices, ministries of health, foreign affairs, justice, interior and drug control agencies
- Representatives from international and regional institutions
- Professionals in academia
- Representatives from non-governmental organisations

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the debates and the negotiation process around the UNGASS 2016 and the role of health in these discussions
- Analyse the role of the Geneva-based agencies in UNGASS 2016, and understand how the human rights and global health mechanisms balance drug control policies
- Inform and influence the design and the implementation of drugs policies nationally and internationally
- Identify the different stakeholders of the current debate at the regional and international levels be it governments, civil society or others
- Consider national measures that protect public health in conformity with the international drug regime

COURSE FACULTY

Professor Michel Kazatchkine, Senior Fellow, Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland; UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia; 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 Programme, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

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).

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 Programme (GHP) is the Graduate Institute's research programme 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 programme 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 Programme 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 GHP is superbly networked, making it an ideal place to study, teach and research global health diplomacy.

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