

EXECUTIVE COURSE

# DRUG POLICY, DIPLOMACY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

## NEGOTIATING THE HEALTH DIMENSIONS 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 Centre at the Graduate Institute

**Dates:** 28 - 30 October 2019  
**Duration:** Three full days (including an evening session)  
**Tuition:** CHF 1,800  
**Application deadline:** 16 September 2019  
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The 2016 United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the World Drug Problem set the tone for the drug policy reform debate, but moving forward into 2019, how can we ensure that this tone won't be lost?

*"The debate is gaining momentum again in a much polarised political environment. Both the stated goals of drug control policies and the criteria by which such policies are addressed merit reform."*

Professor Michel Kazatchkine, Course Director

The debate on drug policy reform goes far beyond law-enforcement and prohibition. It intersects also with public health and human rights. This course will therefore discuss questions such as: What should the new direction post - 2019 be for the future UN governance of international drug policy? How can different actors contribute to a global process in order to ensure that drug policies improve rather than harm the health and welfare of people? How can the UN have a meaningful and impactful role in addressing drug policy? What should the role of civil society and user networks be in the international debate on drug policies?

## 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 in global policy processes. It includes the following topics:

- **International Drug Control Regime**
- **Drug control, public health, harm reduction and human rights**
- **Current issues surrounding cannabis, the opioid epidemics, as well as challenges in access to controlled essential medicines**
- **Perspectives for drug policy reform and the current global diplomatic context**

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:

- Government representatives from ministries of health, foreign affairs, justice, interior and drug control agencies
- Representatives from international and regional institutions
- Health attachés and diplomats with a portfolio linked to health or drug policy
- Professionals in academia
- Representatives from non-governmental organisations

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Gain insight into the key concepts and current issues related to the international drug control regime and its intersection with public health and human rights
- Analyse the role of the Geneva and Vienna-based agencies in international processes
- Inform and influence the design and the implementation of drugs policies nationally and internationally
- Identify the different stakeholders of the current drug policy debate and international processes
- Consider national measures that protect public health in conformity with the international drug regime

## COURSE DIRECTORS

**Professor Michel Kazatchkine**, Special Advisor to the Joint United Nations Program on AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

**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 Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

## 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).

This course can also be recognised as part of the Graduate Institute's Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Global Health Diplomacy.

## 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 Centre (GHC)** is the Graduate Institute's research centre 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 Centre 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 Centre 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 GHC is superbly networked, making it an ideal place to study, teach and research global health diplomacy.

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