

SHORT COURSE ON CONFRONTING THE TRUTH: THE FUNCTIONS, PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES OF TRUTH COMMISSIONS

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Truth Commissions are by now an integral part of the transitional justice vocabulary and practice. In countries as varied as Peru, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Kenya and Brazil, truth commissions have been set up to investigate the patterns of past human rights violations.

This short course will provide a comprehensive, multidimensional and practical examination of this transitional justice mechanism, shedding light on both its aims and the practical challenges it has met or is likely to meet. It will address practically relevant questions about why to set up a truth commission and what role such an institution may play in addressing serious individually and collectively suffered wrongdoing. At the same time, the course will directly engage with relevant questions about how to set up a truth commission, when and by whom.

AUDIENCE

This short course forms part of the Geneva Academy MAS in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law (MTJ). It is open to professionals – diplomats, lawyers, legal advisers, judges, NGO staff, human rights advocates, media specialists, professionals working in emergency situations, UN staff and staff from other international organizations – who are not enrolled in the MTJ and who want to deepen their expertise in this specific issue.

CERTIFICATE

Participants obtain a certificate at the end of the course (no ECTS credits are gained).

LECTURER

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Howard Varney's areas of expertise include investigations, prosecutions, institutional reform and reparations.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for individual courses must be submitted via the online form available on our website.

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Fee: **CHF 1'150**

Deadlines:

- Application start: 23 September 2019
- Application end: 22 March 2020