

SHORT COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE RULE OF LAW AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM: AN INTRODUCTION

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What is the meaning of the ‘rule of law’ in the international arena? How can it be rebuilt in the aftermath of armed conflict or authoritarianism? What forms of institutional reform are required to restore the rule of law, and what measures can prevent the recurrence of lawless and arbitrary rule? How can previously abusive institutions, such as the police and the military, be reformed? What actions should be taken with respect to perpetrators? This introductory course explores the international dimension of the rule of law and its promotion in transitional contexts, focusing on institutional reform and guarantees of non-recurrence. The course also looks at the role of the international community and civil society in rule-of-law reform.

AUDIENCE

This course forms part of the Geneva Academy Master of Advanced Studies 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, 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).

SCHEDULE

- Thursday 30 March, 10:15-12:00
- Thursday 30 March, 14:15-16:00
- Friday 31 March, 10:15-13:00
- Wednesday 3 May, 10:15-12:00
- Thursday 4 May 2017, 10:15-12:00
- Friday 5 May 2017, 10:15-14:00

LECTURER

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Christof Heyns is recognized internationally as a leading expert in the field of international human rights law, including right to life issues and regional human rights mechanisms, and has published widely on these matters.

HOW TO APPLY

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

DEADLINES AND TUITION FEE

- Fee: **CHF 1,150**
- Deadlines:
- Application start: 16 January 2016
 - Application end: 27 March 2017