

SHORT COURSE ON LEADING IN THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Preparing for intense and high-level engagement during the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) requires a deep understanding of HRC rules, functioning and practice. The ability to negotiate, advocate, lobby and push for issues in such a complex environment also requires a sound knowledge of the different actors and dynamics at play, as well as strong communication skills.

This short course, ahead of the main HRC session, allows participants to develop their network and acquire the necessary skills to lead and perform effectively in this major forum for human rights diplomacy.

AUDIENCE

This course forms part of the Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict. It is designed for professionals who already have some experience with the HRC: diplomats and experts from diplomatic missions and foreign ministries; staff from international and regional organizations working in the field of human rights; employees of governmental and non-governmental organizations, journalists or representatives of National Human Rights Institutions.

CERTIFICATE

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

PROGRAMME

The course is structured around three main themes:

- The Functioning of the HRC
- The phenomenon of working within and across 'groupings'
- Leadership in the HRC

SCHEDULE

- Wednesday 24 January 2018, 15:30-19:15
- Thursday 25 January 2018, 15:30-17:30
- Friday 26 January 2018, 13:15-15:15
- Thursday 1 February 2018, 15:30-20:00
- Friday 2 February 2018, 13:15-15:15

BENEFITS

This course allows participants to acquire:

- A deeper understanding of the functioning, rules and practice of the HRC
- Key leadership skills in human rights negotiations, advocacy and lobbying
- First-hand insights into HRC dynamics, in an informal and non-partisan environment
- Strong knowledge of the various actors intervening in the HRC and its different mechanisms (e.g. special sessions, commissions of inquiry, special procedures, universal periodical review)

LECTURERS

Lecturers include Geneva Academy experts, renowned academic scholars, as well as senior professionals from international organizations, NGOs and governments.

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HOW TO APPLY

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

DEADLINES AND TUITION FEE

Fee: **CHF 1'150**

Deadlines:

- Application start: 12 May 2017
- Application end: 23 January 2018

