

# SHORT COURSE ON OPTIMIZING THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL: AT THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN LAW AND POLITICS

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This course focuses on the functioning and the mechanisms of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council, as well as on the dynamics at play in this major human rights body.

An interactive way of teaching empowers participants – both those who already know the HRC from inside and those who are not familiar with this multilateral world of negotiations and politics – to better understand the HRC.

## AUDIENCE

This short 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

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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
- The HRC Positioning in the Overall UN Architecture

## SCHEDULE

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- Wednesday 23 January 2019, 15:30-21:00
- Thursday 24 January 2019, 13:15-15:15
- Friday 25 January 2019, 13:15-15:15
- Wednesday 30 January 2019, 15:30-17:30
- Thursday 31 January 2019, 15:30-17:30
- Friday 1 February 2019, 13:15-15:15

## BENEFITS

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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
- Enhanced 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

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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

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Fee: **CHF 1'150**

Deadlines: • Application start: 8 August 2018  
• Application end: 23 January 2019



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