



# WELCOME TO

## Geneva School of Diplomacy & International Relations



*Understanding the world - past, present and future - and influencing that world in a more humane and productive direction, is what the Geneva School of Diplomacy is all about.*



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# DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**T**he Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations (GSD) is the specialized exclusive school in Geneva for undergraduate, graduate and executive-level education in the field of International Relations and Diplomacy. We also offer courses at all levels (including tailor-made for professionals) from the public, private and non-profit sectors to help them further enhance their skills and advance their career paths. GSD provides a multicultural and multidisciplinary academic community that blends intellectual and cultural stimulation and offers the perfect environment for people who want to study abroad in the field of International Relations and Diplomacy. Our purpose is to prepare future world leaders for their roles on the world stage to advance peace and human rights. GSD is committed to offering the highest level of education to a small number of qualified students. We offer Academic Degree Programmes such as Bachelors, Masters, Executives, and Doctorates level as well as diplomas, certificates and short-term programmes.

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*The Geneva School of Diplomacy will deepen your education. But it will also broaden your choices and future options — public and private! What will you be? — ambassador, human rights officer, or CEO? GSD opens new doors.*

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— President, Dr. Colum Murphy

**T**he Geneva School of Diplomacy (GSD) was founded in 2003, by a career diplomat, Dr. Colum de Sales Murphy with the aim of shaping future world leaders who have the right skills and the heart to contribute to humanity. GSD aims to make the academic journey for future leaders towards graduation a learning experience of exceptional stimulation, elegance, and unforgettable intellectual and social encounters.

## OUR VALUES

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Diplomatic & International Relations knowledge, academic freedom, independence, creativity, innovation and world-class achievements

### INTEGRITY

Diplomatic community, responsible citizenship, and mutual respect through openness, honest, and transparency. Offers diversity, equal opportunity, and access.

### PROFESSIONALISM

Provision of effective and efficient customer-focused services in all aspects of our work (internally and externally). Collegiality & teamwork



## 1 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”*

— Nelson Mandela

Enhance your knowledge of International Relations through a unique study experience with a personalised approach and unparalleled guidance. Acquire a deeper understanding of global diplomacy and necessary skills to find solutions to global problems. Obtain invaluable experience through internships in the most important international organisations worldwide.

- Duration 3 years
- 180 ECTS credits
- Intakes in September & February

## 2 DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

*“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”*

— Malcom Forbes

- 90 - 120 ECTS credits
- Intakes in September & February

International Relations modules to be done on campus; Other modules available both on campus or online

Benefit from GSD partnerships by gaining mastery over two subjects. Choose from our Double Degree Programme options:

- BAIR + BSc Business (GSD & ARU - UK)
- MIR + LLM (GSD & ARU - UK)
- MIR + MBA (GSD & ARU-UK)
- MIR+MBA (GSD & UBIS- Geneva)

## 3 SHORT TERM CERTIFICATE

*“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”*

— Benjamin Franklin

Audit 3 core courses in our Bachelor’s or Master’s curriculum. Understand the dynamics of international political issues. Develop and improve your diplomatic skills. Hone your competencies with GSD’s sterling faculty.

- Duration 14 weeks
- Intakes in September & February



Daria-Romana Pop  
Threat Intelligence Analyst at Microsoft  
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations,  
Class of 2019

*“I would define my GSD experience in three words: education, connections, and opportunities. I had the privilege to be taught by brilliant faculty who shared with us not only the theoretical aspects, but also the practical and real side of International Relations. My entire journey at the GSD was filled with amazing opportunities, it opened many doors. All these were achieved with hard work, dedication, and ambition and they completely changed my perspective and my life. I am very grateful for this experience and I can say that GSD is and will always be my family.”*



## 4 MASTERS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

*“ If you do not like how things are, change them. ”*

— Jim Rohn

**S**trengthen your skills with the most qualified faculty while benefiting from their experience in the field. Gain valuable practical experience through mandatory internships and our praxis oriented curriculum. Develop your professional network. Specialise in topics that matter.

- Duration 1 - 1,5 years
- 90 ECTS credits
- Intakes in September & February

## 5 EXECUTIVE PROGRAMMES (EMIR, DASIR, CASIR, CIR)

*“ Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. ”*

— Arthur Ashe

- Duration of 1 to 4 modules
- 6 to 50 ECTS credits
- Intakes in October & February

**D**eepen your knowledge in International Relations (IR) while actively working. Earn a graduate degree, diplomas and/or certificate in IR, by developing the practical skills and knowledge of international politics and diplomatic issues. Join the most flexible programmes that can accelerate your career.

## 6 DOCTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

*“ Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets. ”*

— Leonardo da Vinci

**G**ain mastery over International Relations subjects. Have flexible research studies tailored to your agenda. Own the highest qualification through meticulous independent research and real-world applicability. Deepen, enrich, and diversify your diplomatic skills.

- DIR by Research 3 years
- DIR by Research 240 ECTS
- DIR by Dossier awarded by GSD



Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo  
Ambassador of the United  
Republic of Tanzania  
Executive Master in International  
Relations, Class of 2017

*“ GSD gave me a lot of value especially in leadership. And now I’m a political leader because the position I’m holding is a top position in the Ministry of Health. I believe GSD is one of the best things I have ever done because of the lectures which gave us the right level of practicality. Other institutions teach more theory, but at GSD we were dealing with practitioners; ambassadors, people of high profile, people who had negotiated big United Nations agreements, etcetera. Anybody who wants more practical experience should come to GSD. ”*



# OUR CAMPUS

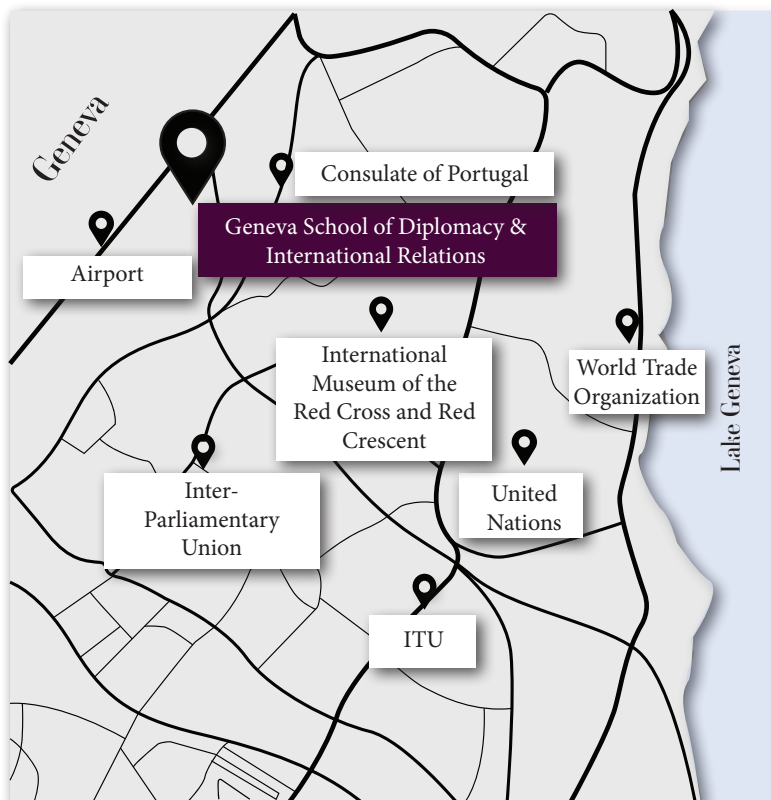
The best way to make the most out of studying international relations abroad is by choosing the right location and aligning it with your academic or career goals. This is why GSD is top-notch with its campus in the very heart of the most diplomatic neighborhood on the planet. The school is situated near the UN, WHO, WTO, ITU, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Red Cross Federation, and more than 200 other international organisations.

Our campus is part of an elegant building that offers excellent facilities for students. Students enjoy our modern classrooms, student lounges, study areas, auditoriums, a gym, restaurants, and coffee shops. Everything that a student may need to an immersive experience is found on our premises. We equip students with skills, competencies and experience for captivating international careers.

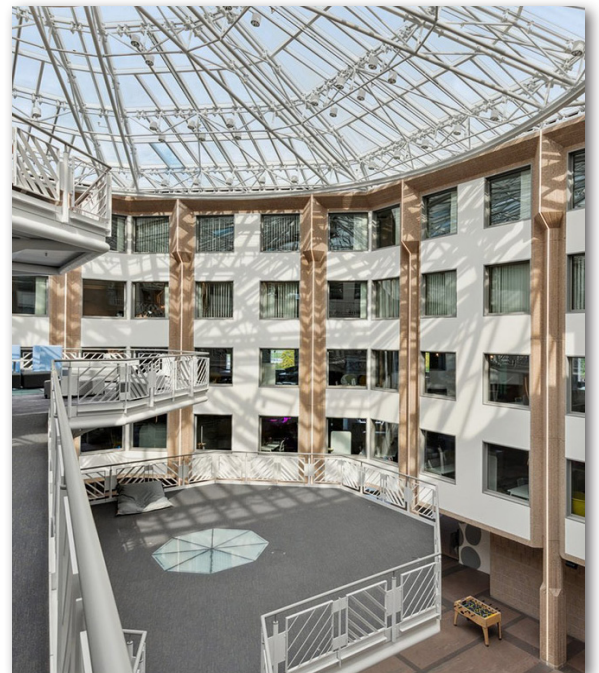


Our campus is right next to bus stations with easy connections to the city centre, the main train station, the airport, and international organisations.

## WHERE TO FIND US?



- From Gare Cornavin: Bus 8, F or 5 (13 minutes)
- From Jet d'Eau: Bus 5, 8 or F (14 minutes)
- From United Nations: Bus 22 or F (8 minutes)
- From the airport: 5 minutes by car



Dr. Muktar Djumaliev  
Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic  
to the Kingdom of Belgium  
DIR Class of 2017

“The Geneva School of Diplomacy is a unique platform for both diplomats and future diplomats to change the world for the better. I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Geneva School of Diplomacy and professors for their knowledge and experience. I am sure that the knowledge gained by me at GSD, as well as the knowledge of all GSD students, contributes to the promotion of peace, prosperity, and the achievement of the UN sustainable development goals.”



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# OUR ALUMNI

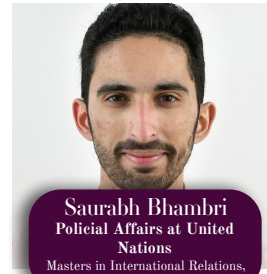
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## LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE

GSD defines its success through its alumni's achievements. Known world-wide, GSD, for over 20 years old shapes the leaders of today and tomorrow.



**Renée Sauve-Lemieux**  
Senior Secretary at UNHCR  
Masters in International Relations,  
Class 2015



**Saurabh Bhambri**  
Police Affairs at United Nations  
Masters in International Relations,  
Class 2019



**Stephen Sackur**  
Journalist BBC World  
DIR, honoris causa 2017



**Mike Winther Hansen**  
Policy Advisor to WTO and UN Affairs  
Masters in International Relations,  
Class 2020



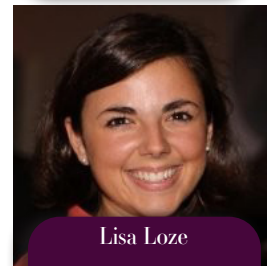
**Ben Shingler**  
Senior Policy Advisor at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
Executive Masters in International Relations, Class 2021



**Dilan Tarhan**  
Senior Global Immigration Consultant  
Bachelor in International Relations,  
Class 2012



**Jecinta Kamau**  
Legal Officer and Training Coordinator  
Masters in International Relations,  
Class 2019



**Lisa Loze**  
Recruiter at International Committee of the Red Cross  
Masters in International Relations,  
Class 2007



**Mr. Yerlan Alimbayev**  
Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the UN  
Executive Masters in International Relations, Class 2017

## OUR ALUMNI IN THE MARKET

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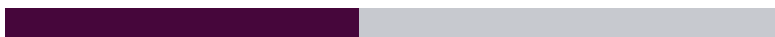
Governments and Public Sector



International Organisations



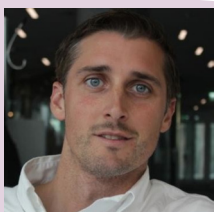
NGO's



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Nationalities in Alumni

Our Alumni Students come to GSD from all over the globe and carry with them a diversity of not only cultures, but also interests, worldviews, experiences and dreams. Such diversity, along with our commitment to exceptional academic standards and individual attention, are hallmarks of the Geneva School of Diplomacy experience.



**Jon-Mark Walls**  
Consultant, Standards and Trade Facility at World Trade Organization  
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, Class of 2011

“With internships at the 2010 Spanish Presidency of the European Union as well as the Office of the Director General at the United Nations Office in Geneva working on the Political Affairs, External Relations and Interagency Affairs team, I feel confident moving forward in a related career.”



# OUR FACULTY



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GSD prides itself on the exceptional faculty members who are real practitioners contributing towards the developing of solutions to world problems.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

### **Dr. Osvaldo Agatiello**

Trade Advisor to several Governments

### **Amb. Zamir Akram**

Ambassador of Pakistan to the UN

### **Dr. Athar Sultan-Khan**

Special Advisor to the UNHCR, Chef de Cabinet UNHCR (2002-2017)

### **Dr. Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua**

Judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, former Ambassador and Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Professor of International Law.

### **Ms. Jennifer Clickner**

Trainer in Leadership and Strategic Communication at the Geneva Center for Security Policy

### **Dr. Suddha Chakravartti**

Head of Research at EU Business School & Editor in Chief, ONResearch

### **Dr. Edo Korfjan**

Administrator Council of Europe

### **Dr. Alexander Likhotal**

Former Deputy Spokesman and Advisor to the President of USSR

### **Mr. Stefan Ziegler**

Operations Support Officer for the UN

### **Mr. Adnan Begiri**

Assistant Professor of International Relations

### **Dr. Nicolas Mueller**

Head Weapons and Ammunition at Armasuisse, Swiss Federal Office for Defence Procurement

### **Dr. Francis Piccard**

Senior Policy Advisor in Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Dr. Alfred de Zayas**

Former United Nations (UN) Independent Expert on the Promotion of a Democratic and Equitable International Order

### **Dr. John Hancock**

Counsellor, Policy Development, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)

### **Amb. Benoit Girardin**

Former Chief of Mission in the Swiss Embassy in Madagascar

### **Dr. Liz Umlas**

Independent Researcher and Consultant in business and human rights

### **Mr. Gilles-Emmanuel Jacquet**

Treasurer at Geneva International Peace Research Institute

### **Dr. Fernanda Salina**

Ombudsperson for DNDi in Geneva

### **Dr. Gyula Csurgai**

Co-founder of the Geneva Institute of Geopolitical Studies

### **Mr. Neil Rillet**

Independent, non-executive Director and member of the overall Group Management Board of Amergeris Wealth Management Group AG and Economics Consultant to the Amergeris Wealth Management

### **Dr. Maria-Teresa Dutli**

Relational Legal Adviser at the ICRC

### **Mr. Marc Finaud**

Former Head of Public Affairs in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Ms. Malika Aït-Mohamed Parent**

Good Governance Anti-Corruption Adviser

### **Amb. Chad Blackman**

Senior Advisor to the Director General of ILO

### **Dr. Alexandre Lambert**

Academic Director at World Learning, Professor of International Relations

### **Dr. Andras Szorenyi**

Former Diplomat, Consult in International Affairs and Global Challenges, GOV of Geneva

### **Dr. Francesca Celletti**

Global health expert at WHO

### **Dr. Octavia Cercez**

International Consultant at the EU / UN / Asian Development Bank

### **Dr. Cornel Gavata**

Globecraft Institute Consultant

### **Dr. Eduardo Missoni**

Former Advisor to the Directorate General for Development Cooperation in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Amb. Nebo Dimitrijevic**

Former Deputy Representative of former Yugoslavia to UN



Donis Sadushaj

Members and Partners Relations at ITU  
Bachelor of Arts in International  
Relations, Class of 2018

“GSD is a state-of-the-art institution. In this relatively ‘new’ University, but full of expertise and diplomatic culture within, I have had the chance to be taught by UN professionals, Ambassadors, high-officials from International Organizations and other renowned professors. My time at GSD has broadened my intellectual capacity and has pioneered me through analyzing world issues, established my consciousness on social injustices and have unquestionably prepared me to serve the international community in the near future.”





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# WHY GSD?

Our priorities are to provide an excellent education that creates life-changing career opportunities. GSD is the best choice to help you change the world because:



## 1 GLOBAL NETWORK

Vibrant and outstanding alumni community. Global, life-lasting, and life-changing network.

## 3 COMMITMENTS

Act at the highest level by taking part in real projects to change the world. Fulfill your internship on amazing projects by enforcing what you learned

## 5 BEST COUNTRY TO LIVE IN

Switzerland is in the center of Europe with the most beautiful landscapes and an infinite number of fun experiences.

## 2 ACCREDITATIONS

GSD enjoys accreditations and membership with EDUQUA, FSEP, AGED, ACE and VA GOV. GSD is pursuing other international accreditations as well.

## 4 FACILITY

The GSD universe enjoys classrooms with modern infrastructure, several auditoriums, cafeteria, restaurants, gym — everything necessary for an active campus life.

## 6 ELITE FACULTY

Learn from the best, highly distinguished political leaders, diplomats and ambassadors. Small interactive classes with a personalized approach and intensive discussions

## BOOST YOUR CAREER

Our Bachelor and Master level students are required to complete internships in Geneva as part of their International Relations and Diplomacy curriculum. This is the perfect way for students to gain practical experience and apply theoretical knowledge to real-world issues.

To help students in their internship research, GSD has developed partnerships with a network of organisations, thereby allowing our students to benefit from its Geneva location and the nearby presence of embassies, diplomatic missions, governmental agencies, NGOs, multinational private corporations, and international organisations.



Mariana Suarez  
Policy Adviser at New Zealand  
Embassy in Bogota  
Masters in International Relations,  
Class of 2019

“GSD offered me a structured programme that included both foundational topics as well as deep dives into the most pressing international relations issues of the day... I quickly learnt about the importance of strategic thinking in diplomacy. As a self-proclaimed introvert, the GSD Master's Programme encouraged me to be more outgoing, charismatic and professionally resilient.”

# WHY GENEVA?

Besides being the center of the diplomatic world, Geneva is also perfectly located in the heart of Europe. In a matter of few hours, you can travel across the continent whether in France, Germany, Austria or Italy. Geneva is a great place to sail, swim, dive, hike, and enjoy so many other amid activities with breathtaking landscapes. Geneva is also a major player in trading, banking; capital of luxury products; hospitality and diplomacy.

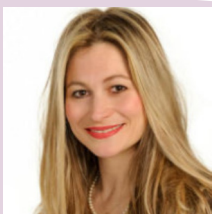


## MAIN REASONS TO STUDY IN GENEVA:

- It is home to many of the world's largest companies and international organizations.
- Geneva has a large student community (25% of the city's population).
- Major internship and professional opportunities
- Geneva boasts a range of amenities and a well-developed public transport system.
- The city houses many museums, theaters, art galleries, festivals and other cultural attractions.
- Geneva is one of the most internationally diverse locations in Europe
- Geneva is nestled between the snow-capped peaks of the Alps and lush greenery of the Jura Mountains. As well as providing a stunning backdrop, this environment also provides opportunities to try out some adrenaline-pumping outdoor activities, including hiking, skiing, snowboarding and glacier trekking.
- Geneva is the ninth-best city in the world for quality of life.



A TIME SPENT STUDYING AT GSD IS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE. INDEED, YOU WILL HAVE PRODIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES AND WILL, FOR SURE, MAKE FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME.



Dr. Kalliopi Ioannidou  
Pathobiochemist at the University  
Hospital of Lausanne  
Executive Master in International  
Relations, Class of 2016

“I feel extremely fortunate to have been able to study at the Geneva School of Diplomacy and to have had the opportunity to receive an inspiring education at all levels; well-structured lectures, practical training through simulation sessions, participant engagement and mentoring.”





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# OUR HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

At GSD we created the Humanitarian Initiative Project (HIP) as we believe it is very important to not only learn through books but also by doing. The HIP is aimed at inspiring students to give back and to help them get accustomed to supporting others. The Programme aims to provide our students with the opportunity to embark on real-life projects that have a direct impact on the lives of people in need. We strongly believe that no school of diplomacy is complete without a humanitarian heart, and this heart will keep beating for years to come!



“SERVIENDO GUBERNO - TO GOVERN IS TO SERVE”



## PROJECTS COMPLETED BY GSD:

- Greece - providing warm clothes and other essentials to refugees in the Lesbos Island
- Zanzibar and Tanzania - installing water wells for a community of 500 people, supporting a school for disabled children, and assisting in medical camps.
- Ukraine - comforting and helping to Ukrainian refugees entering Poland. Providing clothes and basic necessities to refugees.
- India - supporting a school for first female learners.
- And many more...



Suzanne Rosselet  
Professor at the American University  
Doctorate in International Relations.  
Class of 2011

“GSD gave me the possibility of conciliating doctoral studies with my professional life, which would have been nearly impossible in a more formal university framework. I would highly recommend GSD for those who firmly believe in life-long learning and a challenging, plus exciting educational experience.”



# GENEVA SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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— World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom, of whom GSD conferred its honorary Doctor in International Relations (DIR) degree in 2021

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*Tomorrow's world belongs to those  
who are devoted to making it better*

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