

# International Geneva and the GCSP

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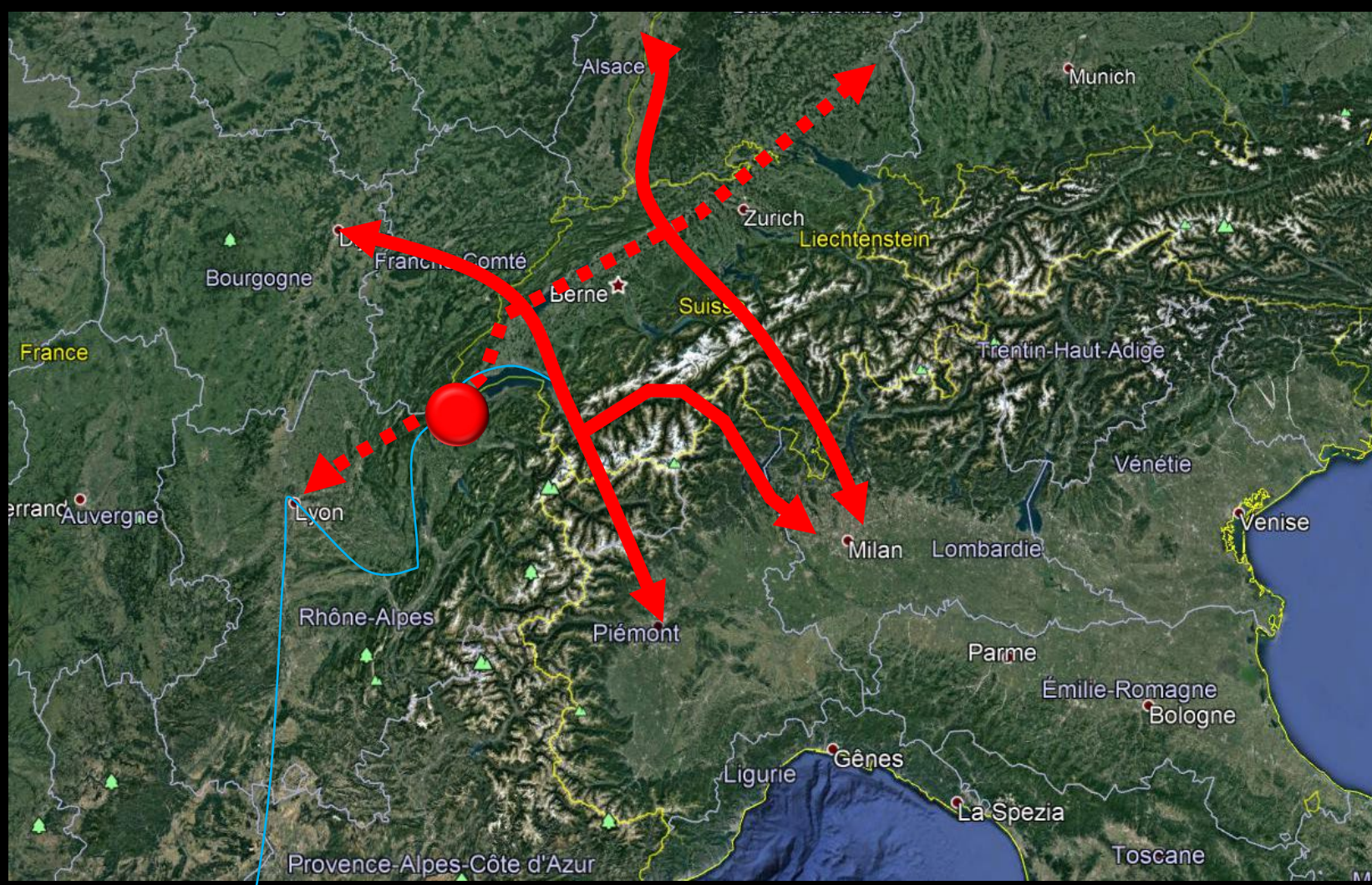


# Questions

1. Why International Geneva?
2. What is the GCSP ?
3. Why is it relevant ?

# Geography

A safe place in a complex world

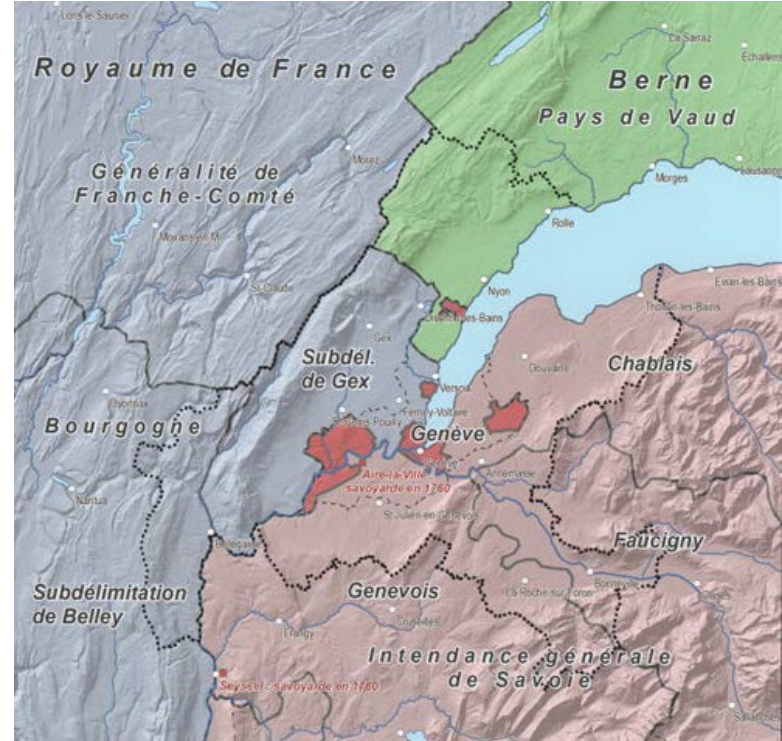


# History, culture, religion, ...

Streams and «la longue durée»

# Geneva becomes a free imperial city

1032



# Calvin in Geneva

## “Calvinism”

- Sternly ascetic
- Religion pervades government and society
- Manicheism
- Salvation of the ‘Elect’ only

1536  
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# Calvinist influence on the Anglo-Saxon World

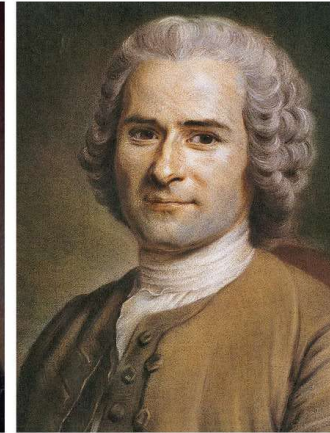
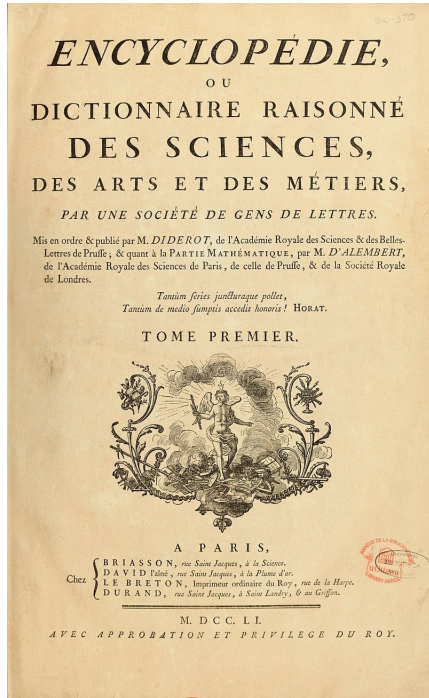
- Through Scottish theologian Knox to Britain
- Puritans were mostly Calvinists
- Calvinist influence on several Founding Fathers
- Influence on U.S. Conservatism : “The poor are poor because they deserve to be poor because of their sinful nature”
- American exceptionalism is inspired by Calvinism

1680 Hugenots expelled out of France  
1681 Geneva hosts Hugenots.  
Population grows 16'000 to 30'000 inhabitants.

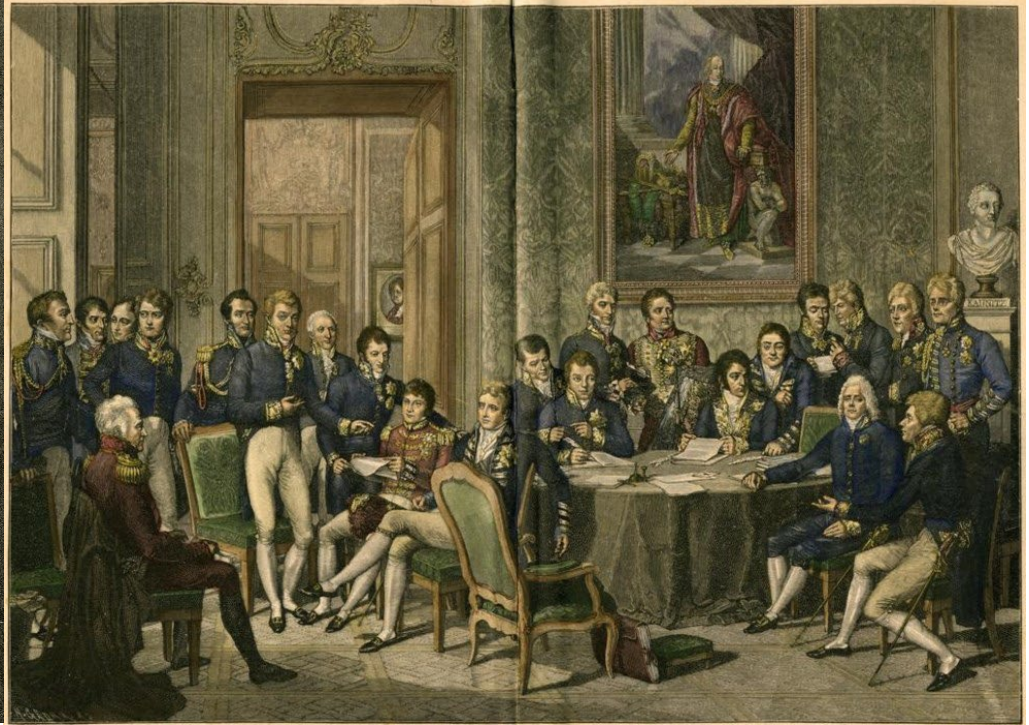
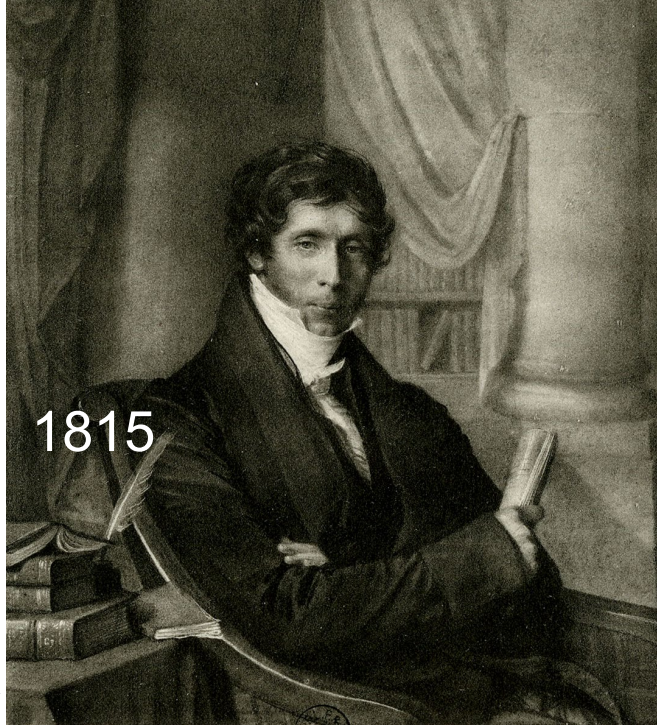


# Geneva, A Refuge for Free Thinkers

1755  
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# The Congress of Vienna



# Geneva, City of Culture



1816



# The Battle of Solferino



1859



## Propositions (Dunant 1862)

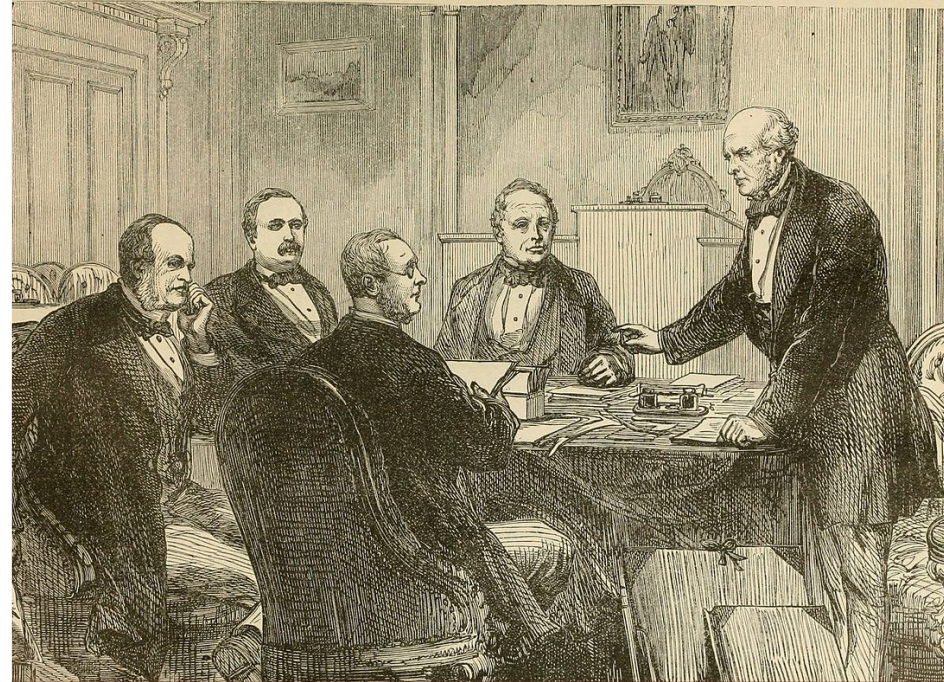
1. *“Form relief societies for the purpose of having care given to the wounded in wartime” (115)*
2. *“Formulate some international principle, sanctioned by a Convention in character ... [to] constitute ... societies for the relief of the wounded in the different European countries” (126)*

# Creation of the ICRC



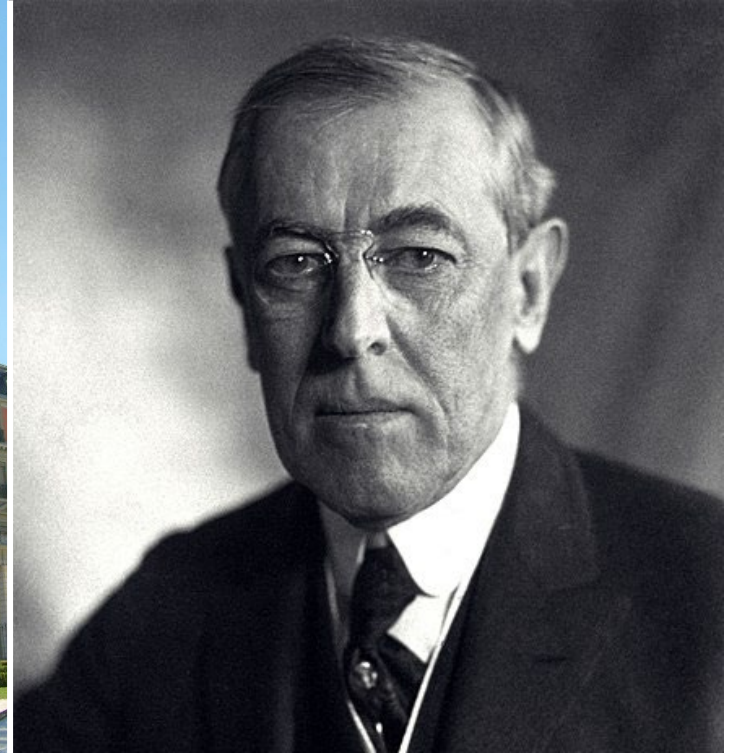
# The *Alabama* Arbitration

1872



# The League of Nations

1920



# The League of Nations - Geneva, Brussels or The Hague?

- Wilson influenced by his faith and the Geneva Bible
- Federal Councilor Ador (from Geneva) was a former ICRC VP
- Economist W. Rappard, founder of the Graduate Institute, trained in the USA
- Role of the ICRC during WWI
- Swiss People voted in favour of the League
- Neutrality less an issue

# The United Nations

1946  
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# 1985 Reagan-Gorbachev Summit





# 2021 Biden-Putin Summit

# Conclusions

# Why “International Geneva”?

1. Geopolitics of the city of Geneva
2. Religion as a policy instrument
3. Swiss neutrality
4. Religious beliefs of US Elites
5. IHL and ICRC
6. Will of the Swiss Population

# What is the impact of Geneva on global security?

Strong theological influence on the U.S. Worldview

Foundation of International Law

Foundation of International Humanitarian Law

Political philosophy (“Social Contract”, Voltaire’s thinking)

Influence of Swiss general Antoine-Henri Jomini on the US military thought.  
Inventor of logistics

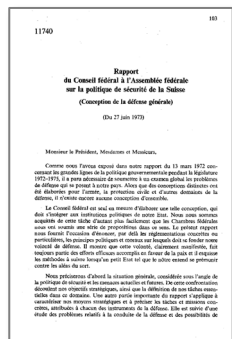
# History & creation

# 1985 Reagan-Gorbachev Summit

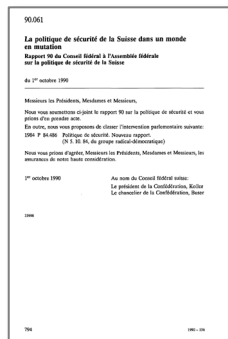


# White Book on Security Policy

## Cooperation



1973

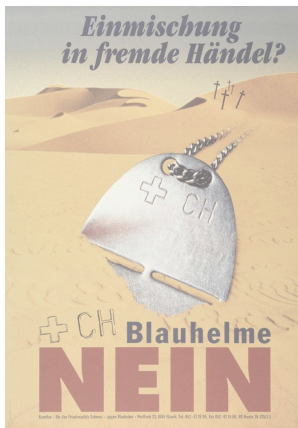


1990



# Référendum contre la LOMP

1994



# Guerre en ex-Yougoslavie

31 mars 1991 –  
12 novembre 2001



# Partenariat pour la Paix

“Le témoignage de notre  
engagement concret et pas  
seulement verbal pour la  
stabilité en Europe”

Diplomate Suisse, GdL, 1996.



# 1995 – Signature de l'acte de fondation



# Mission, Vision and Values

## MISSION

Our mission is to advance peace, security and international cooperation

## VISION

Offer a platform to build and maintain peace, security and advance international cooperation.

## VALUES

Impartial  
Inclusive  
Independent

# Our location

## In the heart of international Geneva

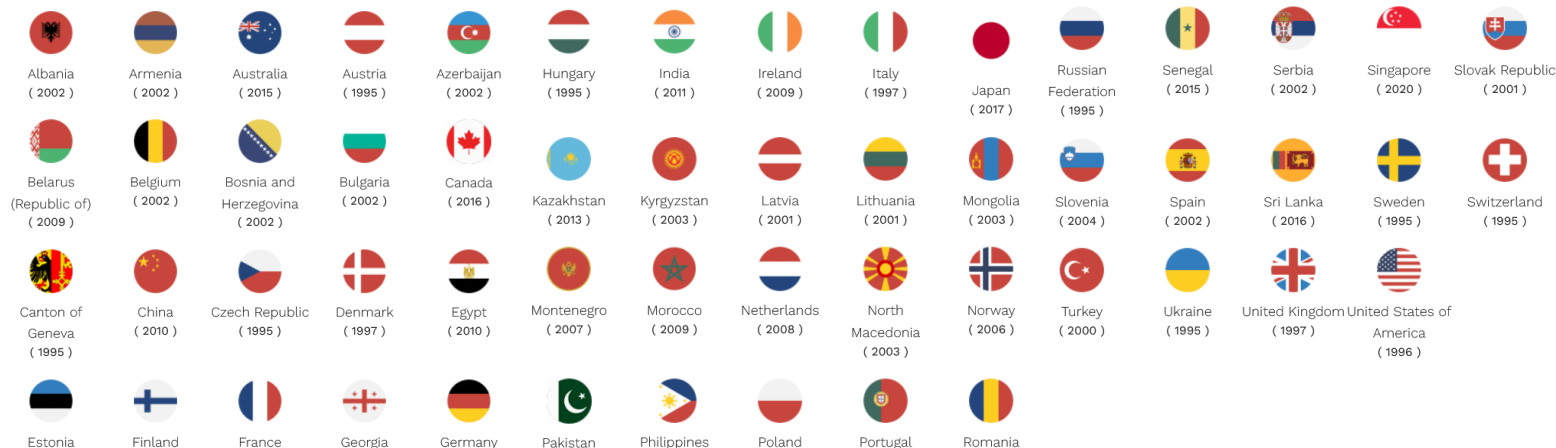


# Our location

## Maison de la Paix



# Membres du Conseil de fondation



## PRESIDENT

Amb. Jean-David Levitte

# Governance



# What we do

# People make peace and security possible



**Governments**



**International  
Organisations**



**NGO's**

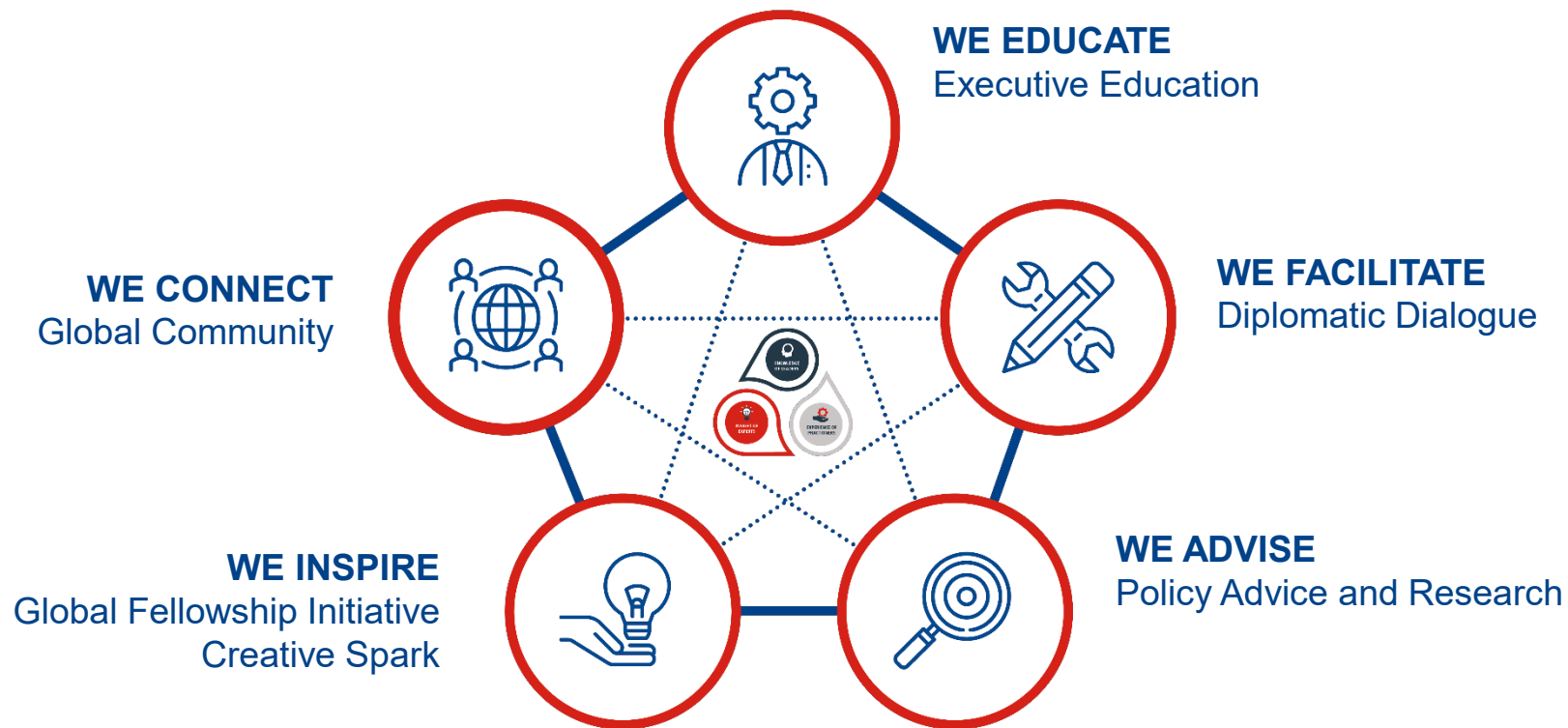


**Civil Society**



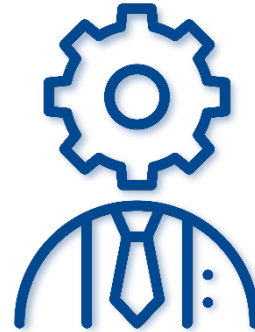
**Private sector**

# Our portfolio



# We educate

Personal and organisational development



# A complex world – a holistic approach to peace and security



## ANTICIPATING EMERGING CHALLENGES

| Climate & Health | Cyber Security | Global Risk & Resilience | Strategic Anticipation |

## PREPARING LEADERS TO SHAPE A CHANGING WORLD

| Leadership | Crisis Management | Diplomatic Tradecraft |  
Defence & Diplomacy | Gender & Inclusive Security |  
The Creative Edge |

## BUILDING A RESILIENT AND PEACEFUL WORLD

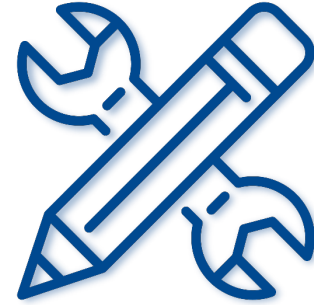
| Arms Proliferation | Effective Governance | Terrorism & PVE | Diplomatic Dialogue | Security & Law |  
Peace Operations & Peacebuilding |

## RETHINKING GEOPOLITICS AND GLOBAL FUTURES

| Neurophilosophy | Outer Space Security | Transformative Technologies |

# We facilitate

Convening dialogue to reduce tensions  
and help resolve conflict.



# Diplomatic Dialogue – three focus areas

## GLOBAL SECURITY

We support Track 1 actors' efforts to rebuild trust and confidence among the key powers.

- Chambesy roundtable on European security
- Track 1.5 and 2 support for diplomatic processes
- Support for Switzerland's role as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council

## REGIONAL SECURITY

We facilitate open and informal exchanges among countries with shared regional crises or common dilemmas.

- Efforts to reduce tensions in North Asia (the Zermatt roundtable)
- Building confidence in the Eastern Mediterranean region
- Supporting peace processes and Geneva-based negotiation frameworks, inter alia related to Syria.

## THEMATIC AND CUTTING-EDGE ISSUES:

We devise common approaches or principles to deal with emerging or cutting-edge security and governance issues.

- Facilitating policy-relevant dialogue among experts to analyse emerging challenges, and manage risks
- Facilitating dialogue on global governance related to Geneva-based institutions and processes

# We advise

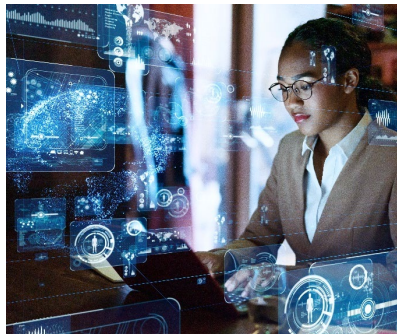
Input to get it right



# The Geneva Security Debates

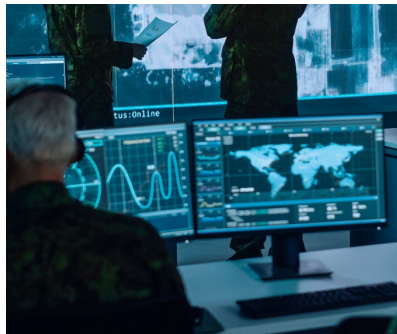


# Current Research and Policy Advice



## POLYMATH INITIATIVE

Addresses the “silo thinking” which can lead to policy and governance failures when anticipating the consequences of emerging technologies.



## GENEVA PROCESS ON AI PRINCIPLES

Explores and clarifies the meaning, operationalization and legal implications of new policies on the use of military artificial intelligence (AI).



## INPUT FOR THE NEW SWISS MENA STRATEGY

Identifies trends and develops policy options for a new foreign policy strategy on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).



## YOUR PROJECT?

Your needs are our priority.

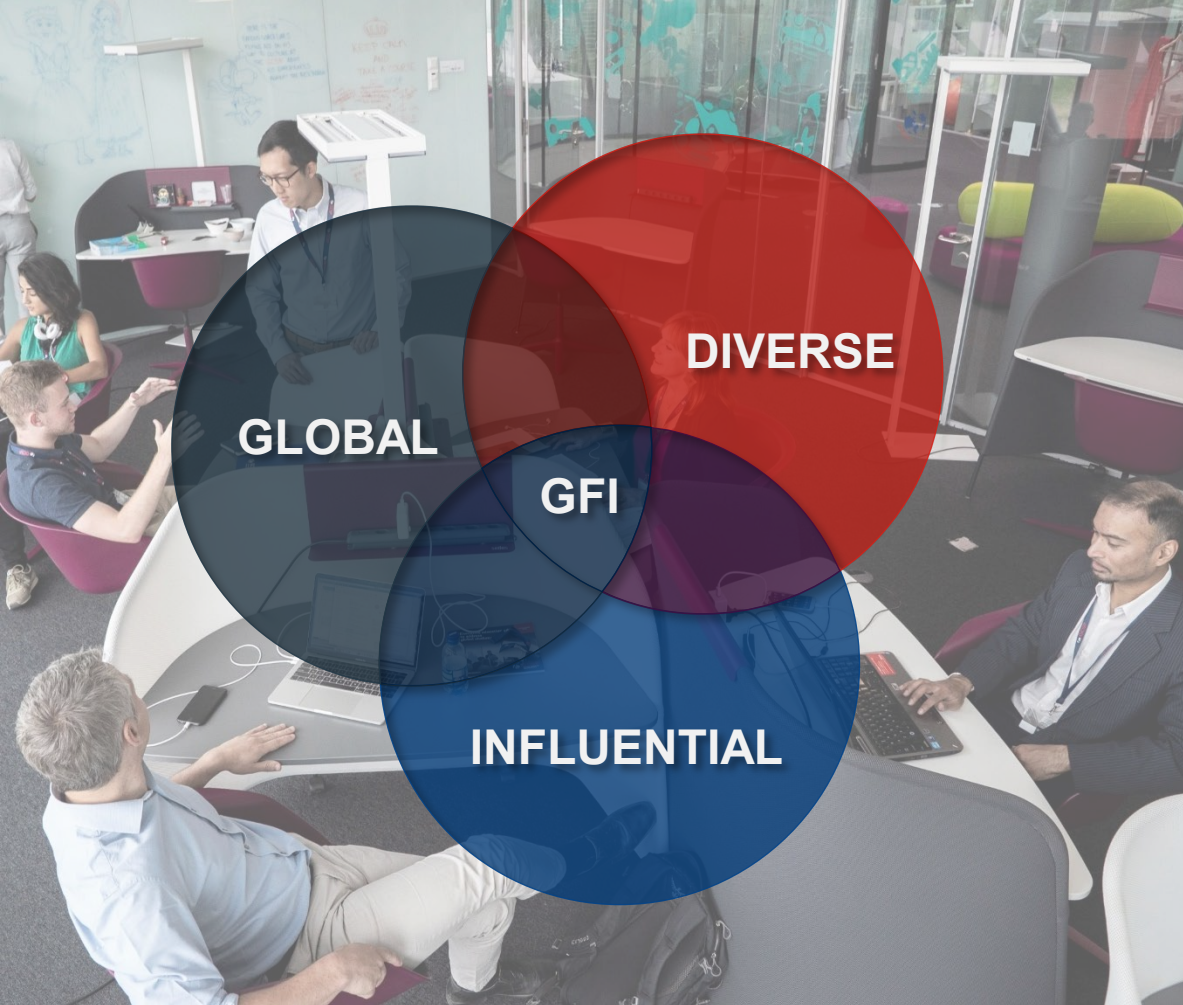
# We inspire

Platform for innovation



# Global Fellowship Initiative

- Multidisciplinary, multicultural and multigenerational network of leaders, experts and practitioners from a variety of backgrounds
- Created to overcome siloed approaches to learning and to act as an incubator for talent, innovation and creativity with the aim of advancing global peace and security through co-creation



# Formerly incubated projects



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THE CLIMATE ACTION  
ACCELERATOR



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THE INTERNATIONAL GENDER  
CHAMPIONS (IGC)  
SECRETARIAT



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GENEVA CITIES HUB



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THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE  
FUND (GCERF)



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SECURAXIS



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CYBER-AID.ORG

# We connect

We build connections to deal effectively  
with international security challenges



**1,300+** 

GRADUATES ANNUALLY

**174+** **nationalities**

REPRESENTED IN OUR COMMUNITY

**10,000+** 

TOTAL ALUMNI, FROM:

**Our  
Alumni**

**Profiles**

OF OUR INFLUENTIAL NETWORK:



• GOVERNMENTS



• INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANISATIONS



• MEDIA ORGANISATIONS



• THE PRIVATE SECTOR



• NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANISATIONS

- Head of State
- Foreign Minister
- Ambassador
- Head of Armed Forces
- NGO Executive Director

- UN Special Representative
- Chief Executive Officer
- Head of Corporate Security
- Chief Compliance Officer
- Risk Advisor

# GCSP Alumni Community

An exclusive community in international security & peace

# Numbers

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**174+**  
Nationalities



**1,300+**  
Graduates  
Annually



**376**  
Global Fellows  
since 2015



**10,000+**  
Alumni



**29**  
Alumni Regional  
Hubs



**650+**  
Publications

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