Land, Security and Climate Summer Academy – 5-day residential course

Exploring the nexus of land, security and climate change; generating sustainable solutions for people and planet

Thematic cluster:

Human Security

Course dates:

26 – 30 June 2019

Course location:

The Caux Conference and Seminar Centre, Switzerland

Conflicts over land have been a feature of human existence since time immemorial. Land confers livelihood, living space, territory, even national identity. Nearly all of humanity's food needs depend on one hand-span of soil - yet an estimated 34 million tonnes of topsoil are lost to erosion every year. Land degradation, climate change, population pressure, conflict and poor governance can interact in negative feedback loops, directly impacting the health and livelihoods of 1.5 billion people. On the other hand, there is growing evidence that integrating land restoration with community-based peacebuilding can create a virtuous cycle leading to both environmental and social recovery, and contributing to climate change adaptation and mitigation. The constraint to implementing this approach often lies in weak inter-sectoral co-operation and the need to build trust for the governance of shared natural resources.

COURSE BENEFITS

The participants of this course will gain:

- Deeper understanding of the main challenges in the nexus between land restoration, climate change mitigation and adaptation, human security, migration and conflict;

- Increased capacity to respond more effectively to land security challenges as policy makers and practitioners;

- Enhanced analysis of the strengths and limitations of existing responses and increased ability to articulate more effective alternatives;

- Exchange views among peers and global experts and practitioners in the beautiful space of Caux, overlooking Lake Geneva a neutral and open environment.

- Part of THE CAUX FORUM

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COURSE FOCUS:

The Land and Security Academy will not only equip professionals with an understanding of the issues, and the methodologies to deal with them, it will also forge a network of 'land and security alumni' who can draw on each other's strengths.

- Environment and peacebuilding nexus;

- Cooperation beyond silos;

- Analysis of land and security nexus;

- Case studies from Africa and Asia;

- Access to the 2019 Caux Dialogue on Land and Security (CDLS);

- Strengthening of networks by interaction with global stakeholders and communities, by sharing knowledge among practitioners and researchers to deliver practical, timely and innovative ideas to implement and build more robust and effective practices.

Course Directors

Dr Alan Channer is on the Executive Committee of 'Initiatives for Land, Lives and Peace' (a programme of Initiatives of Change International), which organises the Caux Dialogues on Land and Security. He is a Senior Fellow of the EverGreening Global Alliance and an award-winning producer of documentary films on African peacebuilding.

Anna Brach is a Senior Programme Officer for the Emerging Security Challenges Programme at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, where she leads the Human Security Cluster. She combines an academic background in international relations and European studies with her experience in designing and delivering security policy courses.

Please visit the course page on the **GCSP website** for further details on speakers.

Who should attend

This course is for environment and security professionals from public and private sectors:

- civil servants
- researchers
- diplomats
- military
- private sector representatives
- community leaders
- NGOs
- International organisations

To create the global cooperation that will be required to respond to the land and security challenges of the 21st century.

Cost

The cost of the course is 3000 CHF (covering tuition and full-board accommodation at the venue). Some full and some partial scholarships are available.

Registration deadline

24 May 2019

Language requirements

The course will be held in English; no translation will be provided

Venue

The Caux Conference and Seminar Centre
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GCSP

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy is an international foundation with 52 member states from across the globe. We bring people from every industry and nation together so they can thrive in today's ever-changing security landscape.

Alumni Community

Completing the executive course gives you access to a global and expanding network of over 6'500 experts. Alumni are able to connect online through our Alumni Portal, attend numerous conferences and events, and benefit from reduced rates in future courses.

This Summer Academy

This Summer Academy is organised by GCSP and Initiatives of Change. It is part of the Caux Dialogue on Land and Security, an annual event of the Caux Forum.

Initiatives of Change

Iniatives of Change is a worldwide movement of people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, who are committed to the transformation of society through changes in human motives and behaviour, starting with their own.

The Caux Dialogue on Land and Security

The Caux Dialogue on Land and Security takes place in the context of the annual Caux Forum. The Dialogue aims to deepen understanding of the links between land degradation and human security and to build the trust needed for effective"'land-peace" partnerships on the ground. The event brings together land restoration experts and practitioners, emerging leaders, entrepreneurs and policy-makers together with activists, experts and researchers in the fields of peace and security. CDLS is organised by Initiatives for Land, Lives and Peace and Initiatives of Change Switzerland in collaboration with the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Global EverGreening Alliance. Please visit https://www.caux.ch/caux-dialogue-land-security for further information.