

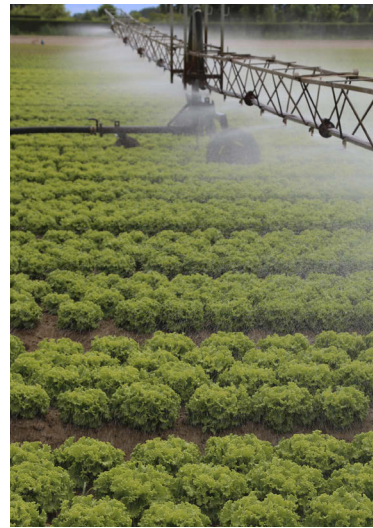
CAS

Certificat de formation continue
Certificate of Advanced Studies

Water Governance: Frameworks and Negotiations

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Modular Training Programme



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Coordination

Geneva Water Hub – Research & Education

Trainers

Trainers involved in the programme include: university faculty members, researchers, and water experts at the international level.



Develop skills to address complex issues in a changing environment. Anticipate and innovate in water policy and governance

The management of water resources faces environmental, climatic, political, and economic challenges. In this changing environment, innovative policies should be designed to foster collaboration between States, civil society, and the private sector. To this end, practitioners and decision-makers need to develop new analytical skills.

The Institute for Environmental Sciences (ISE) of the University of Geneva has launched the 7th edition of the certifying Summer School in "Water Governance: Framework and Negotiations". This two-week training programme aims to deliver skills and knowledge based on the latest scientific research applicable in professional contexts. Participants will learn how to use water governance tools to address complex political situations, and innovate in the face of risk and uncertainty.

In addition to the Summer School, a MOOC in Water Management and Policy is offered to the participants (available on the [Coursera platform](#)). To obtain the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS), participants are required to complete (1) the MOOC (ideally before the Summer School), (2) the Summer School, and (3) a final thesis.

Regarding the completion of the MOOC, students are required to obtain a certificate of achievement delivered by the Coursera platform. Costs of this certificate are funded directly by participants. Financial aid can be applied for, and information on this is available on the Coursera platform.



Audience

This programme is aimed at professionals acting at strategic levels who seek to develop analytical skills in water governance processes. A broad diversity of backgrounds is expected and welcomed: public administrations, international organisations, governmental and non-governmental organisations and private sector.

Objectives

- Identify and analyse the new challenges of water resource management on a global scale, taking into consideration the whole water cycle.
- Analyse hydropolitics and actors' strategies and gain an understanding of trends and functioning of water governance at a global level.
- Provide tools to water professionals to analyse water policy issues and manage the resource in the face of risk and uncertainty.
- Develop work-related skills such as the ability to analyse international legal and institutional frameworks, the related negotiations, and the ability to prevent and regulate water conflicts.
- Develop a community of practitioners in the field of water governance.

Learning Outcomes

- Implement strategies that take into consideration both political and practical issues of water management.
- Use tools to analyse and manage water policy issues in a changing environment (political, economic, environmental).
- Analyse legal frameworks (and their development) for the management of water resources.
- Manage complex situations and implement innovative solutions.
- Communicate effectively on policy and strategic issues regarding water resources.
- Anticipate inter and intra-sectoral water conflicts and resolve these conflicts with water management tools.



Learning Methodology

Our learning philosophy encourages interaction between theory and practice, inviting trainers and participants alike to share their knowledge and expertise.

To accomplish this, an important aspect is the reduced number of participants that allows each one individually to maximise their involvement. Example-rich debates among water professionals coming from different backgrounds and countries stimulate the acquisition of knowledge and capability on water management.

Thus, the learning methodology involves:

- An effective involvement of participants through open discussions, and work in groups.
- A multidisciplinary perspective of international water governance.
- A combination of academic knowledge and field expertise, based on the most recent research and concrete examples in the water and policy domain.
- The development of skills transferable to a variety of professional environments.

Programme Structure

- The CAS programme includes three components: (1) MOOC, (2) Summer School, and (3) Portfolio thesis.
- The first component is a distance learning class (MOOC) on Water Management and Policy, available at the [Course platform](#).
- The Summer School includes four modules, consisting of classroom teaching classes organised over two weeks in July 2024.
- The MOOC and the Summer School modules bestow 1 ECTS each.
- The MOOC and the Summer School modules are completed by a thesis that counts for 5 ECTS.
- The teaching language is English.
- The CAS equates to a total of 270 learning hours, i.e. 10 ECTS credits. 1 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) corresponds to 25-30 hours of work (teaching and personal study).



In the framework of some modules, the module coordinators organise study visits. That allow participants to come into close contact with international organisations based in Geneva dealing with water management issues. These visits are also an excellent opportunity to build a network within International Geneva.

During the two weeks that the programme lasts, participants also benefit from the assistance of a dedicated support team.

Finally, to encourage networking, the programme management also offers and organises appropriate social activities.

Module 1 **MOOC Water Resources Management and Policy**

[Online Course](#)

Prof. Christian Bréthaut

Prof. Géraldine Pflieger

- Water as a common-pool resource
- Rules of the resource: uses and circumvention
- Integrated water resource management and the water-food-energy and ecosystem nexus
- Integrated watershed management
- Water as a source of conflict and cooperation

Module 2 **Hydropolitics**

Geneva

Prof. Christian Bréthaut

- Frameworks for understanding and analysing hydropolitics
- Different perspectives on hydropolitics
- Hydropolitical dynamics around transboundary waters



Module 3

International Water Law: at the Intersection of Different Fields of International Law

Geneva

Dr Mara Tignino

- Sources and principles of international water law
- Linkages between international water law and other areas of international law
- Legal tools to solve water-related disputes

Module 4

Conflict Management Processes

Geneva

Ms Léna Salamé

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) techniques
- Focus on the negotiation process
- Skills for a successful negotiation

Module 5

Data, Water and Cooperation

Geneva

Ms Rozemarijn ter Horst

- Role of data and models in water cooperation
- Different actors involved in data collection and sharing
- Interplay between information and (emerging) technologies, knowledge, and power



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Assessment

Modules are evaluated by the module coordinators. Evaluations consist of written and/or oral tests. The final (portfolio) thesis needs to be delivered within the time stipulated.

Portfolio Thesis

The final project consists of a thesis written in the two months following the Summer School. The thesis topic is chosen with the agreement of the steering committee. The objective is to produce an in-depth analysis of a specific question relevant to the participant's –professional and personal– interests, with a critical perspective and a multidisciplinary approach.

Diploma Awarded

The Certificate of Advanced Studies in Water Governance: Frameworks and Negotiations/ *Le certificat de formation continue en Gouvernance de l'eau: structures et négociations* is awarded, subject to the assessment criteria being met for each module, by the Institute for Environmental Sciences of the University of Geneva. It corresponds to 10 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) for 95 hours of on-site training.

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Practical Information

Admission Criteria

- Hold a university master's or a university bachelor's degree, or a bachelor's or master's degree from a university of applied sciences or a degree deemed equivalent;
- Have at least 2 years of professional experience related to the Certificate programme;
- Demonstrate personal motivation to follow the Certificate programme by describing how it links to their professional practice
- Have a adequate command of oral and written English, enabling them to follow the CAS courses, read scientific documents, and communicate within the framework of the training activities.

Application

- Deadline: 1st April 2024
- Online: www.unige.ch/formcont/en/courses/CASwatergovernance

Maximum number of participants: 15.

Priority will be given to participants who wish to follow the programme as a whole. Application for one or several specific modules is possible.

Fees

- CHF 3,500.– for all modules taken as a package. Fractioned payment is also possible by arrangement
- CHF 1,250.– per module taken individually

Location

Institute for Environmental Sciences (ISE)
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Room CV 002

Schedule

- Monday – Friday | 8:15 – 12:00 / 13:00 – 17:00
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Partnerships

- Swiss Confederation: Global Programme Water, Swiss Agency for Development.
- Geneva Water Hub.
- UNESCO Chair on Hydropolitics.
- Collaborations established with other administrations, companies and universities.
- Unparalleled competencies from International Geneva in the field of water and conflict prevention are mobilised within this training programme.