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Annual Summer University Course

Geopolitical Analysis of International Relations

14- 23 July 2008
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The objective of the course is to introduce the basic concepts of geopolitical analysis. The course will adopt a multidisciplinary approach that incorporates strategic, geographic, historic, cultural and economic dimensions in order to facilitate a more profound understanding of contemporary international relations. The central themes will include the concepts and methodology of geopolitical analysis, geopolitical schools of thought, identity factors and geopolitical representation, as well as an application of geostrategy and geo-economics. Case studies will be presented on the various geopolitical configurations that significantly impact the current world system. Conferences will be held by leading international experts.

Target group of participants: Persons working for International Organisations and Government Agencies, Diplomats, University Students, Company Managers and other interested individuals.

Dates: Program starts on Monday 14th July and ends on Wednesday 23th July 2008.

Duration of the programme: 50 hours.

Place: Domaine de Penthes, 18, Chemin de l'Impératrice, Geneva, Switzerland.

Participation fee: 2000 CHF (1000 CHF for students).

Modules can be arranged if someone can not attend the whole program.

Registration form: Available on the web site of ICGS, www.geopolitics.ch

Deadline for registration: 16st May 2008.

A certificate of participation will be awarded by ICGS upon completion of the course.

More information on the programme on the website: www.geopolitics.ch

LECTURES

Geopolitical Schools of Thought

- ▶ David CRIEKEMANS

Constant and Variable Factors of Geopolitical Analysis

- ▶ Gyula CSURGAI

Identity Factors and Geopolitical Representations

- ▶ Gyula CSURGAI

Introduction to Strategy: Concepts, Definitions and Constituents

- ▶ Alexandre VAUTRAVERS

Geopolitical Dilemmas for Pakistan

- ▶ Nathalene REYNOLDS

Geopolitics, Geo-Economics and Competitive Intelligence

- ▶ Gyula CSURGAI

Geopolitics of Energy

- ▶ David CRIEKEMANS

The Darfur conflict: What is it about and what is at stake?

- ▶ Claude RAKISITS

Psychological Warfare, Disinformation and Geostrategy

- ▶ Gyula CSURGAI

Rise and Decline of Powers in the World System: Europe, United States and China

- ▶ Bernard WICHT

Interactive Geopolitical Exercise: Analysis, Prospective and Strategic Choices

- ▶ Gyula CSURGAI

LECTURERS

David CRIEKEMANS, Belgium, holds a PhD on Geopolitical Schools of Thought and Master-degrees in Political and Social Sciences (International Politics) from the University of Antwerp, and European Master of Public Administration from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. Currently, he is a Postdoctoral Researcher in International Politics at the University of Antwerp (Belgium), a Senior Researcher at the Flemish Centre for International Policy & a Lecturer in Geopolitics at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels. He is also a lecturer and scientific advisor of ICGS. Main specialities: geopolitical schools of thought and geopolitics of energy. Most recent publication: [Transl.] “*Geopolitics, ‘Geographic Consciousness’ of Foreign Policy?*”, Publishing House Garant / Maklu (Antwerp), an in-depth study of the history of geopolitical thought from 1890 till present.

Gyula CSURGAI, Hungary/Canada, holds a Doctorate from the University of Geneva; Degree in Political Science from the University of Concordia (Canada) and the University of Toulouse (France); Postgraduate in European Studies from the European Institute at University of Geneva; Founding Member and Director of the International Centre for Geopolitical Studies (ICGS), Geneva. Mr. Csurgai teaches Geopolitics, Geoeconomics and Competitive Intelligence at ICGS and is Professor of Geopolitics at the Geneva School of Diplomacy. Recent publications: [Transl.] “*Geopolitical Perspectives for Europe*”, L’Age d’Homme, Lausanne 2004. “*The Nation and Its Territories in Central Europe – A Geopolitical Approach*”, Peter Lang, Bern, 2005. “*Geopolitical Stakes of Natural Ressources*” L’Age d’Homme, Lausanne 2006.

Claude RAKISITS, Australian, Holds a Doctorate in Political Science from the University of Queensland. After leaving the Australian public service in 2005 after almost 20 years of professional experience, he established an independent consultancy, *Geopolitical Assessments*, which focuses on analyzing developments in Africa, South Asia and the Middle East. In the public service he worked in a number of departments and agencies, including the Office of National Assessments, Australia’s peak intelligence agency, and the Departments of Foreign affairs, Defence and Prime Minister and Cabinet. He also worked as an adviser to a shadow foreign minister and a deputy prime minister. He has had a long personal and professional association with Africa.

Nathalene REYNOLDS, French, Holds a Doctorate in History of International Relations from University of Paris 1, Sorbonne. She conducted field research for a number of years in South Asia and was affiliated to the School of Political Sciences of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Currently she is Visiting Fellow at the SDPI (Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad) and Research Associate, Centre for Asian Studies, Geneva. Consultant on South Asian geopolitics, she has lectured at various international organisations and institutes. Recent publications: [Transl.] “*Cachemire in the Indo Pakistan Conflict*”, Harmattan, Paris.

Alexandre VAUTRAVERS, Switzerland, Doctorate in Social, Economic Sciences and History from the Geneva University and the University of Lyon 2, France. Mr. Vautravers is an expert on global arms development and trade, consultant for several Swiss media, scientific Director of *Hepta aero*. He leads research teams for the Swiss Academy of Science and Technology and the Swiss Military History Commission. He is also the Chief editor of the Swiss Military Review (RMS); and collaborator of ICGS. Recent publications: [Transl.] "Swiss Air Force 90 years", "Armament", "The Future of War". A. Vautravers has taught international relations and strategy at various universities in Switzerland. Currently he is Professor and head of the Department of International Relations at Webster University, Geneva.

Bernard WICHT, Switzerland, holds a BA and a PhD in Law from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. He was an expert appointed to the European Commission and President of the Culture Committee, Council of Europe. Mr. Wicht is currently Head of International Affairs of the Swiss Conference of the Heads of Cantonal Public Education. He is Professor of strategic studies at Lausanne University's Institute of Political and International Studies. Recent publications: "Guerre et Hégémonie", [Transl.] "War and Hegemony"; [Transl.] "The Art of War in the XXI Century", "Failed States and Failure of States: The Strategic Dimension of Resource Rivalries."