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A Double Diploma Program in

GEOPOLITICS AND GEOSTRATEGY PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA (GAGPD)

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Course Description

GAGPD is a diploma program for professionals interested in the geopolitics and Geostrategy. It will be done in cooperation with Paris Graduate School.

Join the Geopolitics and Geostrategy Professional Diploma at AUST



Students will be receiving a double diploma: one from AUST and one from Paris Graduate School.



The diploma is comprised of 6 modules- each module extends over the period of 4 weeks. Modules involve lectures, real-life applications, case studies, and interactive activities.



The diploma duration is 6 months. Modules are given every Friday from 3-8 PM. The program starts on 29/11/2024 and ends on 23/5/2025.



Modules are given at AUST- Ashrafieh Campus.



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Module 1: Geopolitics: (GAG 500) 2cr

This course about geopolitics examines the dramatic effects wrought by ideological, economic, socio-cultural and demographic changes in the context of their human and physical settings, and it explores their geographical influence on foreign policy and international relations.

Module 2: Geostrategy (GAG 510) 2cr

This program about geostrategy focuses on political and military power linked to geographic space. It plans or predicts international political behavior through variables such climate, topography, demography, natural resources, and regional technology. Geostrategy also investigates the impact of energy issues in geopolitics.

Module 3: Geopolitics of the Middle East (GAG 520) 2cr

The Middle East is an important region of the world in terms of acting out a set of elements, some of which are resources. The geopolitics of oil explains very well that from the 1920s onwards, the major oil companies emerged with economic and political interests in the regions of the Middle East.

Module 4: Regional Geopolitics (GAG 530) 2cr

High levels of geopolitical competition in the Middle East are linked both to the sustainability of authoritarianism and the evolution of socioeconomic problems. As to sustaining authoritarianism, high levels of geopolitical competition enable ruling elites to create and frame external threats as existential dangers to the nation.

Finally, securitization logically gives security forces, elites and commanders a greater say in national governance and decision making, including purely civilian matters, with the consequence that security reflexes, mindsets and resources grow with time. Moreover, and of more direct relevance, high levels of geopolitical competition lead more easily to armed conflict, which tends to hugely aggravate pre-existing socioeconomic problems.

Module 5: Geopolitics and Diplomacy (GAG 540) 2cr

Geopolitical rivalries, power struggles, and shifts in alliances create intricate diplomatic landscapes. Political challenges also extend to issues like human rights violations, sanctions, and interventions, which require diplomatic negotiations to address.

Sovereignty, national interests, political instability and leadership changes are alarming challenges to today's diplomacy.

Module 6: AI in Geopolitics (GAG 550) 2cr

The emergence of generative AI marks a transformational moment that will influence the course of markets and alter the balance of power among nations. Increasingly capable machine intelligence will profoundly impact matters of growth, productivity, competition, national defense and human culture.

In this swiftly evolving arena, corporate and political leaders alike are seeking to decipher the implications of this abrupt and powerful wave of innovation, exploring new opportunities and navigating new risks.

The great power AI competition focuses on hardware, data, software, and talent. Each country is pushing the technology further, developing AI champions, and finding the most relevant use cases and advantageous areas for AI adoption.



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