Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education
(Higher Education Division)

Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance (MEIG Program), University of Geneva, Switzerland 2027-2028

The Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education wishes to inform prospective Sri Lankan applicants of the opportunity to apply for the Master's degrees in MEIG Program for the academic year 2027-2028.

- The program will commence in September 2027. A limited number of full scholarships amounting to CHF 45000, covering tuition fees and providing a significant contribution towards living costs in Geneva, as well as scholarships of CHF 20000 towards living costs, will be available for eligible candidates requiring financial assistance.

- Further information on the eligibility requirements and application process is available on the MEIG Program website (www.meig.ch) and refer to attached brochure.

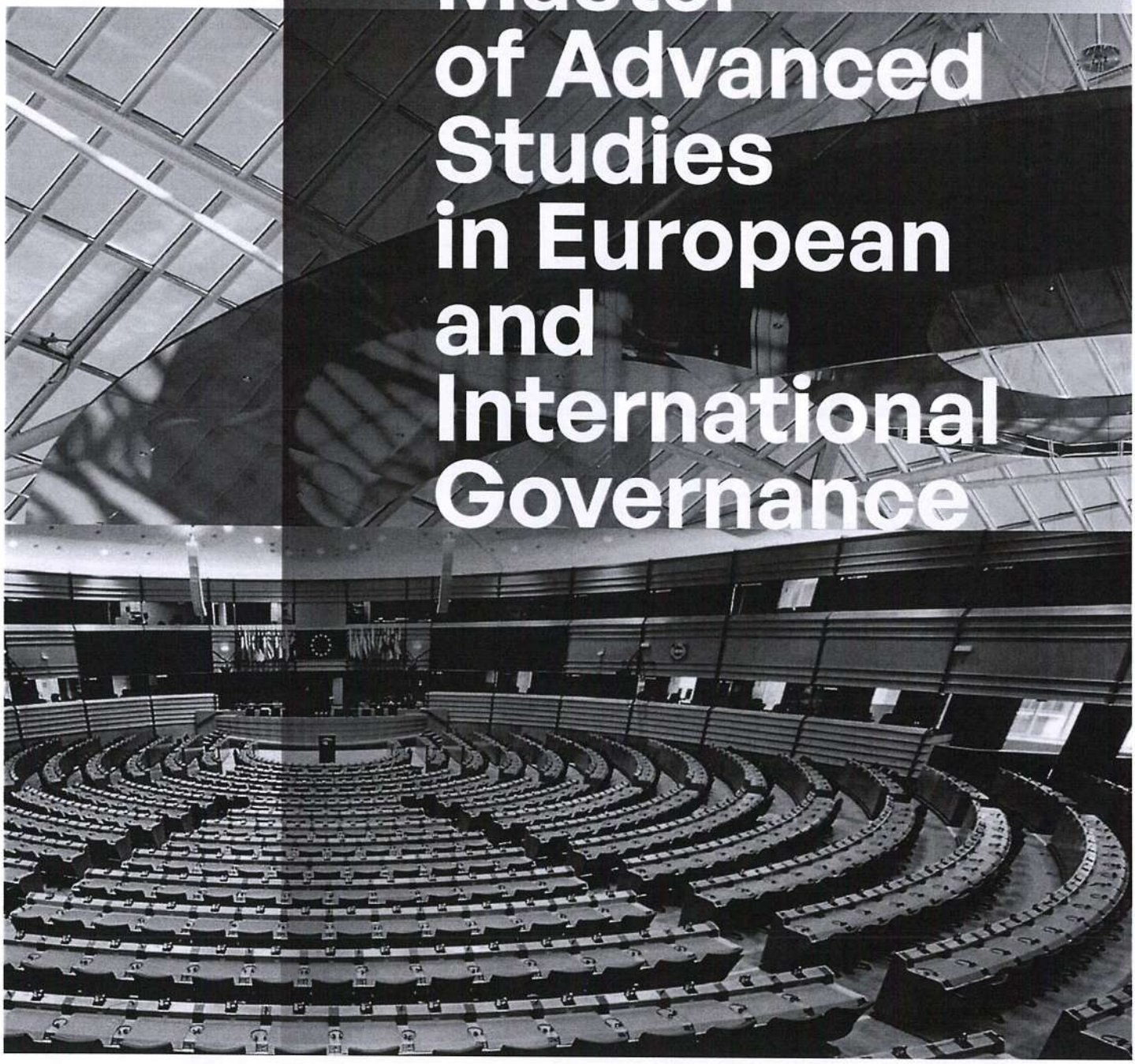
- **The deadline for submission of applications for the MEIG Program and the scholarships is 20 December 2026.**

Note: After offering the scholarship it is your responsibility of ascertaining the recognition from relevant agencies of Sri Lanka (e.g. UGC, IESL, SLMC etc) as applicable.

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MEIG

Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance



MEIG MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDIES EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

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Key figures

UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

49th

University in the world
Shanghai Ranking 2023

2nd

University in Switzerland
Shanghai Ranking 2023

19'078

Students
University of Geneva

MEIG PROGRAMME

More than

150

Lecturers
Per edition in the MEIG Programme

More than

70

Nationalities
Represented by students since the start of the MEIG programme



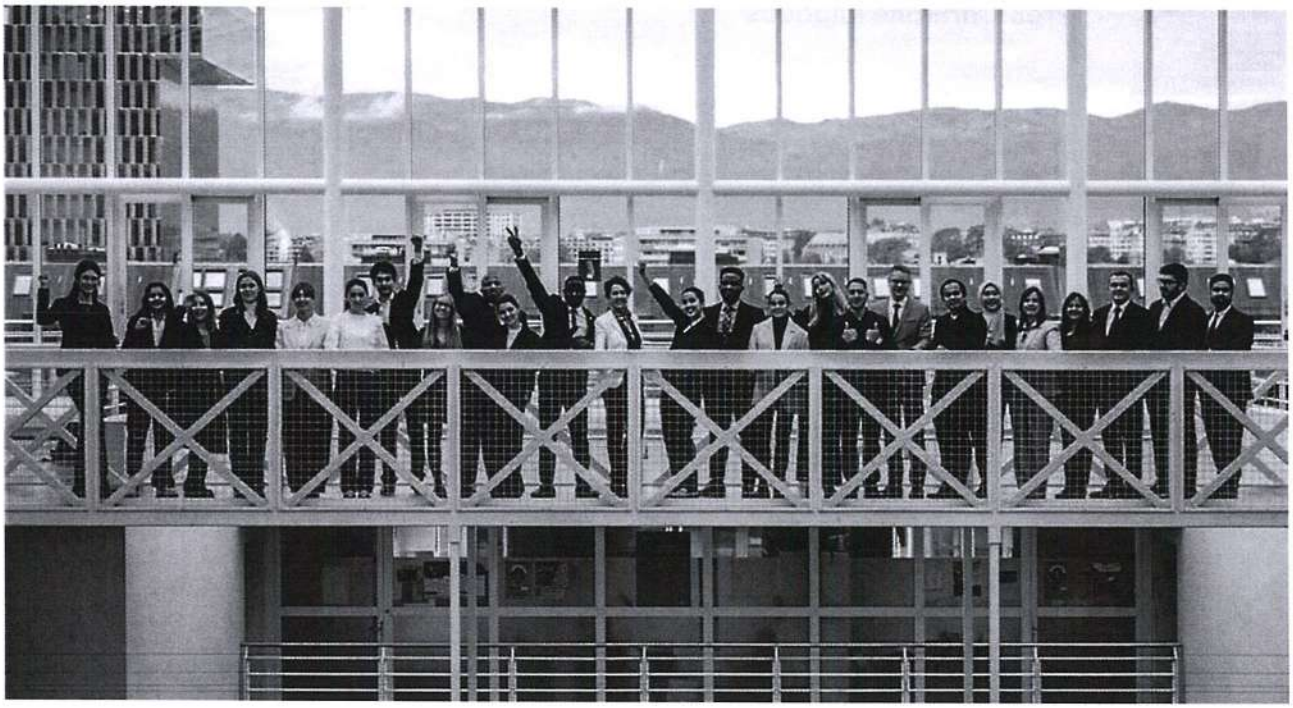
A unique and innovative approach

A Master of the University of Geneva in collaboration with the United Nations Office at Geneva

Launched in 2017 under the direction of Professor Christine Kaddous, the Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance (MEIG Programme) is anchored in Geneva's unparalleled international environment.

The Programme is conceived with a steadfast mission: to provide participants with a profound understanding of international obligations and to prepare them to address the critical global challenges of the 21st century.

Drawing on the academic distinction of the University of Geneva and the practical knowledge of Geneva's leading international organizations, the MEIG Programme offers an exceptional educational experience.



Message from the Director

"Our ambition is to equip you with the knowledge, critical skills, and global network you need to take action in an increasingly complex world."

When I launched the MEIG Programme, it came from a clear conviction: our world is evolving faster than ever, and education must adapt. Challenges like climate change, mass migrations, systemic risks to trade, internet governance, pandemics, and evolving threats to peace demand new forms of leadership, and leaders who understand governance not just in theory, but in practice, across borders and disciplines.

With a background in international and European law, many years in lecturing and research at the University of Geneva, and deep involvement with international organisations through the UN system, I saw the growing gap between academic knowledge and the complex realities faced by national, European, and international actors. The MEIG Programme was created to bridge that gap.

Pooling the expertise of the University of Geneva and the United Nations Office at Geneva, we designed a 10-month programme that addresses governance challenges and anchors them in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their real-world application. It is tailored for graduates and professionals eager to contribute in national administrations, European institutions, international organisations, NGOs, and the private sector.

Prof. Christine Kaddous




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From classroom to global action

Our distinctiveness is built on a few but essential pillars



Career-oriented learning and support
From day one, the programme is designed to support your professional trajectory. Whether you're aiming to join international organizations, national governments, NGOs, or the private sector, the MEIG Programme provides personalized career guidance, skill-building workshops, and exposure to hiring institutions to help you transition effectively into your next role.

A commitment to diversity
We embrace and promote diversity across gender, age, nationality, academic background, and professional experience, creating a global and dynamic learning environment.





A unique blend of academic and practical excellence
Lectures are delivered by distinguished university professors alongside high-level practitioners from regional and international organizations, public institutions, and the private sector, offering participants an education that is both rigorous and directly applicable.

A focus on building lasting social networks
Participants not only form strong connections among themselves but also gain privileged access to an extensive network of professionals active in regional and global governance.





Comprehensive, practice-oriented training
The curriculum combines theoretical foundations and hands-on modules across law, economics, diplomacy, management, and social sciences consistently updated to address the latest global and regional challenges.

Programme structure

10
Months Programme
starting in September

11
Modules

7
Months of lectures

3
Months dedicated to the end-of-study project
Internship, professional project or thesis

65
ECTS credits

20
Working sessions at regional and international organizations

3
Days of study-trip in Brussels

25-30
Participants per edition



The modules

The MEIG Programme is built around 11 modules designed to meet today's global governance challenges.



Module I	Architecture of the European Union and European Governance
Module II	Architecture of the United Nations System and Global Governance
Module III	Key Skills for a National or International Career Dealing with Global Issues
Module IV	Human Rights and Migration
Module V	Peace, Security and Humanitarian Affairs
Module VI	Digital Governance
Module VII	International Trade and Development
Module VIII	Health and Environment
Module IX	Climate Change
Module X	Sport Governance
Module XI	Agenda 2030 and the Public-Private Partnerships for Its Implementation

Admission

The MEIG Programme is designed for

- University graduates (Bachelor's degree minimum) from any discipline.
- Early-career and mid-career professionals aiming to evolve in the fields of international affairs, diplomacy, public administration, NGOs, or multinational corporations.

Applicants typically have diverse backgrounds
(law, political science, economics, international relations, etc.) and aspire to:

- Serve in foreign ministries, finance ministries, or justice departments.
- Work for international organizations (EU, UN), non-governmental organizations, or global corporations.

Admission criteria include:

- A university degree (Bachelor's degree minimum).
- Relevant professional experience (internships, employment in related fields) is a plus.
- Proficiency in English (validated by TOEFL, IELTS, or Cambridge certificates).
- A strong academic record and a clear professional motivation.

Required documents:

- Most recent diplomas or certificates of enrollment
- Academic transcripts
- Employment or internship certificates, if available
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Motivation letter
- English language proficiency test results
- Passport or national ID
- Scholarship certificate (if applying for a scholarship)





Testimonials



Aadil Huque Indian

"The networking opportunities, well-structured modules, and the overall academic environment were highly impressive. Beyond the structured modules and remarkable networking opportunities, what made this journey even more enriching was the diversity within our cohort. Our batch included several serving diplomats, making peer-to-peer learning an invaluable aspect of the experience."



Jiaxu Mi Chinese

"MEIG, which combines pioneering academic thinking with the professional expertise gives me the motivation to advance my studies out of a desire to challenge my views. I want to see the world through new eyes, and hear different perspectives and ideas. I also want to forge a career where I will make a positive impact addressing the challenges facing humanity."



Juliette Béna French

"The MEIG programme was an incredible experience that connected me with inspiring professionals from all over the world. Attending UN conferences made everything we learned feel real and impactful. The diverse perspectives of my classmates truly broadened my thinking. Most excitingly, the programme opened the door for me to join the UNESCO Geneva Liaison Office as an intern—an opportunity that has been both meaningful and career-shaping."



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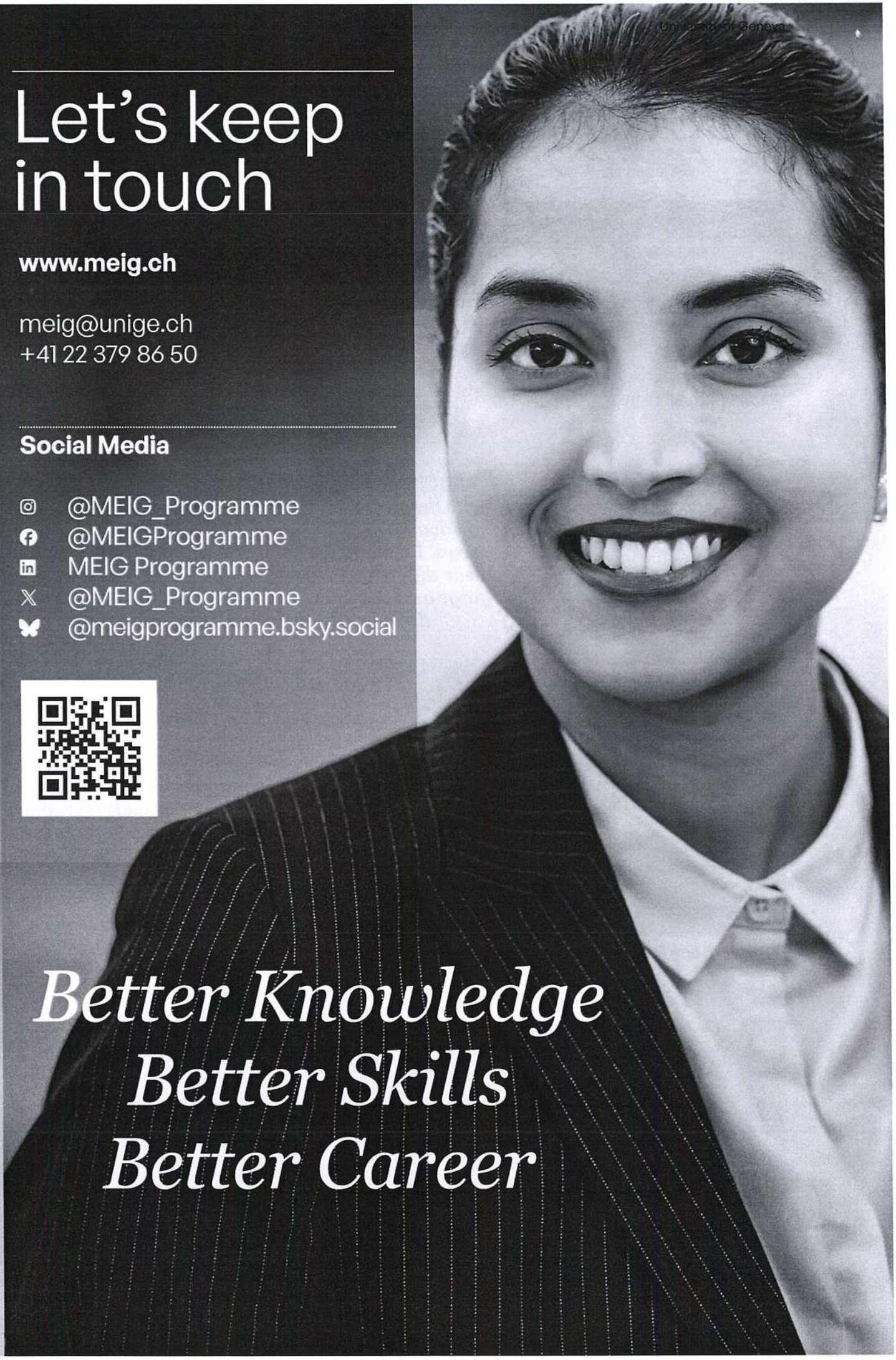
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Better Career

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Scholarship Application Form 2027-2028

Thank you for applying for admission to the Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance (MEIG Programme). We are aware that the costs related to our programme, in addition to the living costs in Switzerland, are high, especially in the current economic context. While our programme does not have sufficient funds to offer scholarships, be assured that we make every effort to solicit support from external sources. We have been able to secure a number of scholarships from a local sponsor. These scholarships cover mainly the tuition fees. We may also be able to arrange for partial scholarships towards living expenses during the programme.

Our sponsor has established strict eligibility criteria:

- Demonstrated financial need on the part of candidates as well as their immediate and extended families, employers and any other persons who might otherwise have been able to contribute toward financing their studies;
- Failure to secure loans or scholarships from all other available sources, including employers, banks, governments and private providers.

Scholarship application instructions

1. Please complete this scholarship application form, and send it by email, or by postal mail.
2. Please submit the following supporting documents, translated into English if necessary (English translations for this purposes do not need to be officially certified):
   - Copies of official statements of income of all individuals who contribute to your household finances, including you;
   - Official statement from a bank or other savings institution, and/or tax forms, indicating available funds and assets;
   - Copies of responses to your other scholarship and/or loan requests, including from employers if applicable.
3. Please complete a 500 words (maximum) description of the main motives for your scholarship request, in English.
4. All documents can be sent by email to meig@unige.ch, or by postal mail.

Applicants will be recruited until the limited places in the MEIG programme are distributed and considering the date of arrival of the MEIG candidate application form.
The application can only be processed if all questions have been fully answered.
The **2027-2028 MEIG Programme starts in September 2027** and **ends beginning of July 2028**.

While the admission process to the programme is "need-blind", meaning that we do not consider any financial factors when making admission decisions, we do ask you to submit your scholarship application at the same time as your application for admission, to ensure timely processing.

The final scholarship decision and admission decisions are made by the MEIG Executive Committee.

1. Applicant details

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Surname First name(s)

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Date of birth Place and country of birth

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Street/street number

....
Zip/postal code City

....
Country of residence Phone (mobile)

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Phone (work) Phone (private)

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E-mail (private) E-mail (work)

Are you currently employed ☐ Yes ☐ No Employer :

Your current position/title: Since : .....
Your monthly net income : .....
Your net earnings in the last 12 months :

Please provide the following information for your university degree or equivalent and the other most recent degrees you have received (or are currently pursuing), if any:

Name of institution	Degree and date awarded	Annual cost	How financed	Field of study

How much financial aid, if any, did you receive during your most recent year in school? Was the aid a loan or a scholarship? Please describe:

From which of the following sources do you expect to receive support for your educational expenses (tuition and/or living expenses) in 2027/2028, and in which amount (in **local currency and in CHF**)

Your income		Family income		Government	
Your assets&savings		Family assets&savings		Agencies/ Foundations	
Relatives/Friends		Current employer		Other	
				TOTAL:	

2. Family information

How many people, including yourself, depend on the income of your parents for daily living expenses (if any)?:

Please provide information about your parents, spouse, children, other dependents, your parents' dependents (your brothers and/or sisters), and all other people in your household, as applicable (not yourself):

Full name				
Age				
Relationship to you				
Living in your household	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Total income/year (in local currency and CHF)				
Occupation				
Name of school/University attending (if any)				
Year at school/University				
Total education costs/year (in local currency and CHF)				
Your parents' contribution/year (in local currency and CHF)				
Your contribution/year (in local currency and CHF)				

Please check the type of documentation you will be sending in order to verify income information requested on this form. The **first two** types of documents are **mandatory**:

- ☐ **Bank account statement(s)**
- ☐ **Statement from employer (salary slip, contract)**
- ☐ Tax forms
- ☐ Other : .....

In the last 12 months, how much of your household income (before taxes/expenses) came from the following sources (in **local currency and in Swiss Francs CHF**):

Father's income		Family business		Allowances/ subsidies	
Mother's income		Family real estate		Income of other members of the household	
Your income		Pension/annuities			
Spouse's income		Interests/Dividends		Other	

Will there be: ☐ no change ☐ an increase ☐ a decrease in your household income next year? Please explain

Does your family/do you own a home?: Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes: How much does your family/do:

you still owe on the purchase price (in local currency and CHF)?:

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What is the present market value (in local currency and CHF)?:

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Does your family/you own a business?: Yes ☐ No ☐

....

If yes: Type of business : Owned since (yyyy)

How much did you/your household spend on the following items in the last 12 months? (**in local currency and in Swiss Francs CHF**):

Rent/Mortgage		Educational expenses		Taxes	
Utilities		Loan/debt payments		Vacations	
Food		Savings/Retirement		Domestic employees	
Clothing		Car/Transport		Leisure	
Household necessities		Property/Health inscuranc		Medical expenses	
Other			**TOTAL**		

3. Other scholarships and loans requested

List all your current scholarship/loan applications, including requests of support from your current employer:

Organization	Application date	Award notification date	Amount expected (CHF)

4. Miscellaneous

Do you intend to return to your home country after your studies? Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Declaration

We declare that the information on this form and in the supporting documents is true, correct and complete. The MEIG Programme has our permission to verify the information reported by obtaining documentation as needed. We understand that all the information contained in this document will be treated with strict confidentiality for the purpose of evaluating the scholarship request exclusively. We understand that providing false information will result in the cancellation of the scholarship application.

Date

Student's signature

Date

Spouse's signature
(if necessary)

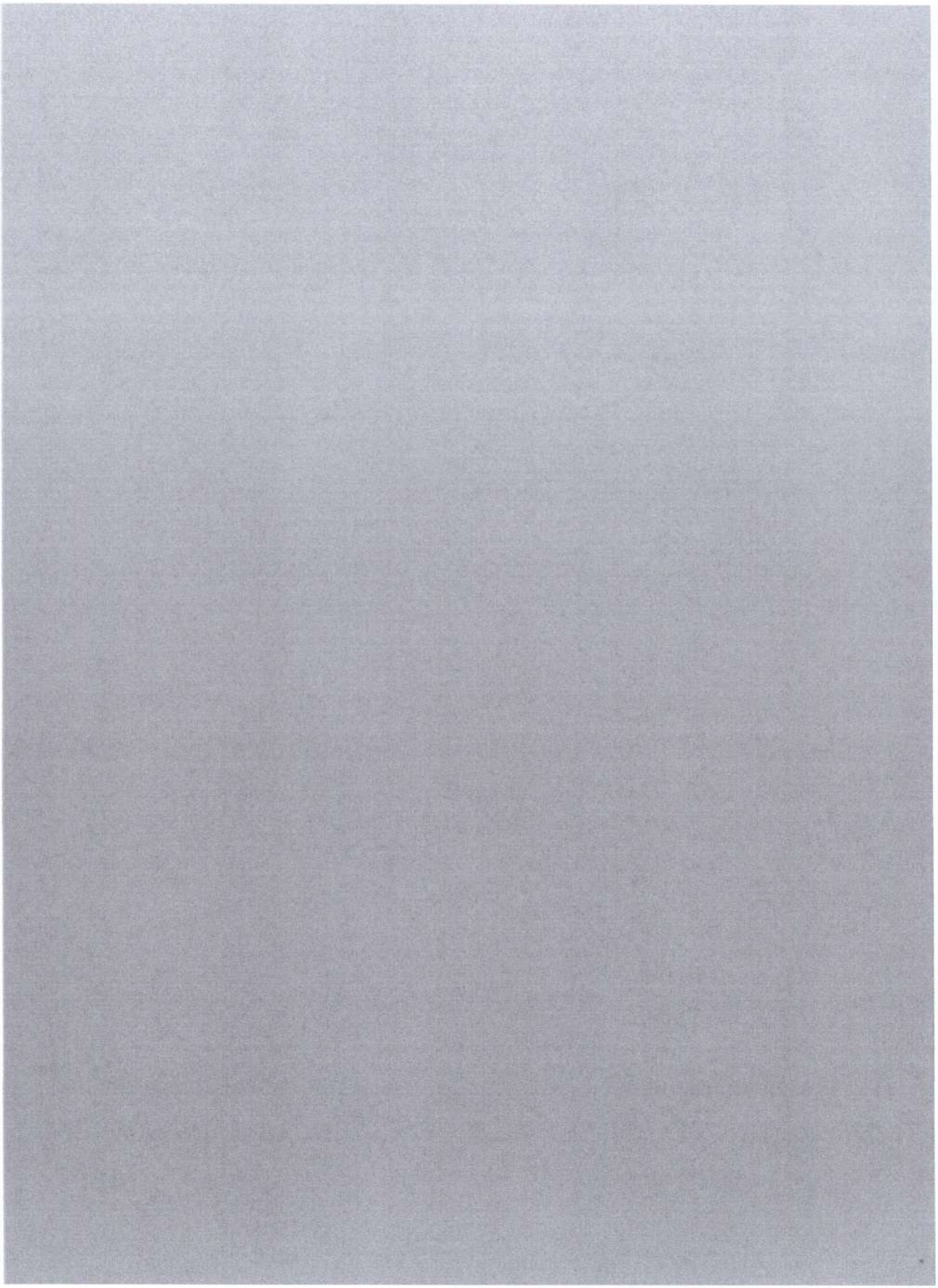
Date

Father's signature
(if necessary)

Date

Mother's signature
(if necessary)

Scholarship motivation letter in English
(max. 500 words)



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MEIG Programme

Application Form 2027-2028

1. Personal information[i]

Sex female ☐ male ☐

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Surname

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First name(s)

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Date of birth

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Place and country of birth

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Street/street number

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Zip/postal code

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Country of residence

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Nationality

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E-mail (private)

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Phone (work)

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Phone (private)

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Phone (mobile)

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City

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Apartment n°/c/o, etc.

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E-mail (work)

How do you wish to be contacted ?

Please send news and information concerning course topics or my studies in general to my

☐ home ☐ work e-mail address.

My e-mail addresses can be passed on to my fellow students and lecturers of the MEIG Programme

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Education

Previous university education in Switzerland

Have you enrolled previously in a Swiss higher education institution? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes: Swiss enrolment number (SIUS):

If you are not able to provide your enrolment number, please give the name of the last higher education institution you attended in Switzerland :

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Highest university qualification obtained

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Programme/course studied Name of University

....
Name of degree Standard period of study

....
Total ECTS credits points acquired Date of completion

.....
ECTS grade

or (if no ECTS grade is indicated)

..... or .....
Academic honour Average mark

Thesis topic (if given)

3. Previous employment and current position

Please briefly summarise your professional positions and activities in recent years – also in the fields related to European and International Governance.

Are you currently employed ?

☐ employed ☐ self-employed ☐ other

☐ Yes, full-time
☐ Yes, part-time → percentage worked :
☐ No, because you are : ☐ seeking employment ☐ on training leave
☐ Other, please specify :

.....

.....
Name of the employer

.....
Position held

.....
Total duration of professional experience (in years/months) at the beginning of your intended studies.

If you are currently unemployed please complete the following section based on the last position you held.

Main area of activity

4. Letter of motivation

Please indicate in a **separate letter of motivation why** you would like to pursue the Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance (MEIG Programme).

Do you already have specific plans for financing your studies (private funding, bank loan, company funding, etc.) ?

Would your employer support your Master studies ?

- ☐ My employer has not indicated explicit support of my future studies.
- ☐ My employer will support me by:
- ☐ Reducing my workload and/or giving me time off work for my studies
- ☐ Providing financial support towards my tuition fees (in %):
- ☐ Other, please specify :

5. Information on end-of-study work

Please indicate which form of the end-of-study work you will most likely choose (the final decision may differ) :

- ☐ writing of a Master's thesis
- ☐ completion of an internship and drafting of the internship report, or
- ☐ drafting of a report on a predetermined project as part of your present or future professional activity

6. Evaluation

How did you learn about the MEIG Programme ?

- ☐ Personal recommendation. Please specify :
- ☐ Internet search (Which search engine and/or online platform?)
- ☐ Visit of the University of Geneva or its website ?
- ☐ Visit of a website (please specify which)
- ☐ Print media article (In which magazine/paper and which date?)
- ☐ Advertisement (print)
- ☐ Advertisement (online)
  - ☐ CEJE website
  - ☐ GSI website ☐ MEIG website
- ☐ Social media
  - ☐ Facebook ☐ Facebook promotion
  - ☐ LinkedIn ☐ LinkedIn promotion
  - ☐ Instagram ☐ Instagram promotion
  - ☐ Twitter
  - ☐ Other
  - ☐ Please specify.

☐ Event/fair/conference (which?):
☐ Other. Please specify

Where would you have liked to read or hear about the MEIG Programme (media, events, etc.) but did not find the necessary information?

7. Statement of Consent and supporting application documents

I hereby apply for admission to the Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance on the basis of the statements made above.

I hereby affirm that all information contained in this application is complete and correct. I am aware that intentionally or negligently giving false information may lead to exclusion from the admissions procedure or - if discovered after enrolment - to a revocation of my admission or enrolment.

As the basis for this application, I specifically confirm my acceptance of the regulations governing admissions and the tuition fees for the Programme "Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance" at the University of Geneva.

I will immediately notify the admission office (meig@unige.ch) of any change in my postal or e-mail address (es) or names.

I hereby affirm that I have sufficient fluency in written and spoken English to be able to follow the course.

I note that to be officially enrolled for the Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance (binding registration) I will pay the amount of CHF 3,000 within the deadline set in the letter of admission. The amount of CHF 3,000 will secure your place in the programme and is deducted from the total tuition fees (CHF 25,000 net of bank charges) which must be paid either in full or in two instalments as mentioned in the tuition fees invoice I will receive.

....
Place, date Signature

If not signed, the application shall be deemed not submitted.

8. Checklist for a complete application

The application must be accompanied by supporting official documents as specified below (please tick the appropriate box for all documents supplied).

The following documents are enclosed with the application file for admission:

- ☐ Completed and signed application form
- ☐ An up-to date curriculum vitae (in English) with a portrait photograph (headshot)
- ☐ Copy of passport or ID (personal details page)
- ☐ Copy of the relevant academic diploma (latest one) with an officially certified translation into English, or French, when they are not originally in either English, French, German, Italian or Spanish
- ☐ Copy of official transcripts/records of Universtiy (last academic diploma/courses/examinations and grades obtained with the same need for translation as above)
- ☐ Copy of certificates or other evidence of past and present professional position
- ☐ Letter of motivation/personal statement demonstrating the applicant's interest in the field of Governance in English (max. 500 words)
- ☐ Official TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge scores, please make sure you don't upload the original test result as it is a protected pdf and we cannot open it (print it and scan it again)

Please do not send original documents or certificates

We prefer to receive documents via e-mail. Please submit your application file to :

meig@unige.ch

If you choose postal mail, please send to the following address, *without* stapling or binding the pages of your application :

Master of Advances Studies in European and International Governance
MEIG Programme
Centre d'études juridiques européennes
Université de Genève
40, Bd du Pont d'Arve
CH-1211 Genève 4
Switzerland

9. Important notes

Applicants will be recruited until the limited places in the MEIG programme are distributed and considering the date of arrival of the MEIG candidate application form.

For the **2027-2028 Programme**, the deadlines for application are **15 November 2026** (first deadline), **20 December 2026** (second deadline) **and 15 February 2027** (third deadline).

The application can only be processed if all questions have been fully answered.

The **2027-2028 MEIG Programme starts in September 2027** and **ends beginning of July 2028**.

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[i] The information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence in accordance with data protection legislation.