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Course Catalog

South Caucasus in a Wider Black Sea Regional Security Context

Aim:

The course provides comprehensive information and knowledge about the South Caucasus region. It allows to analyze ongoing processes and review processes relevant in terms of security and socio-economic dynamics.

Program:

- Regional context and country profiles;
- The new geopolitics of the South Caucasus;
- The North Caucasus or Russia's Internal Abroad , Mapping regional conflicts, Triangle within triangle – General overview of the region;
- Russian Federation: Domestic and Foreign policy;
- Republic of Turkey: Domestic and foreign policy;
- Islamic Republic of Iran: Domestic and foreign policy;
- NATO's strategic objectives in the region (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan) – National policies of the countries towards NATO;
- NATO perspectives in the Black Sea region;
- Legal frameworks governing the Black Sea;
- USA in the region – key determinants;
- EU strategic approach to the region: past, present, future;
- Conflict in Georgia: Abkhazia, Tskhinvali;
- 2008 August War, Conflicts in the region: Ukraine;
- Conflicts in the region: Nagorno-Karabakh;
- Hybrid warfare;
- Cyber Security environment in the region;
- Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Regional lens;
- Regional energy security and strategic role in energy supplies;
- Perspectives of regional economic cooperation;

- Crises in the Middle East and their implications for the South Caucasus;
- Russia's role in the Middle East Politics;
- South Caucasus: Identities/Culture/Religion;
- Way ahead – Prospects for regional cooperation.

Performance Objective:

- To analyze South Caucasus's security environment – to analyze the geographic and political concepts relevant to the region;
- In-depth discussion of general political dynamics, existing conflicts and other controversial issues, including the interplay of identities and historical experiences.

Acquired Skills:

- Critical Thinking;
- in-depth analysis of problems and opportunities .

Teaching form: lecture

Methodology:

☒Discussion

☒Guest speakers

☒Lecturing

☒Panel discussions

☒Role playing

Duration: 10 days

Target Audience: Georgian and foreign participants interested in the region mainly representing state agencies. It is also possible to involve the civil sector and academia. The international participants are mainly middle-level managers of NATO and the European Union, as well as other partner countries, and experts working on relevant issues, as well as representatives of academia and diplomatic sector.

Participants: 25-30
Language of Instruction: English
Code: SC-2021.