



# INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

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## MANAGING INTERNAL CONFLICT

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This course explores internal conflicts within a country such as insurgency, separatism, large-scale criminal violence, and ethnic, communal, or religious-based violence. Many countries confront these situations at home during domestic military operations or abroad while conducting peacekeeping or other contingencies. The course also addresses international issues that affect internal conflict, including the use of proxies, sanctuary, and transnational ideologies. Throughout, participants learn and practice conflict analysis techniques, gain exposure to prevention and political-military response strategies, and discuss security sector capabilities needed to prevail in these situations.

### OBJECTIVES

Upon conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Understand the origins and dynamics of internal violence.
- ◆ Apply analytical tools for conflict analysis.
- ◆ Develop and apply approaches used to prevent and respond to internal violence.
- ◆ Design institutional reform proposals to enable national security forces to prevent and respond to violence.
- ◆ Lead professional discussions to share key concepts once returned home.

### TOPICS

This course examines internal violence through lectures, case studies, exercises, and individual/group work using learning techniques that promote dialogue. The course is oriented at the conceptual and societal level of analysis and will not focus on tactical security techniques for confronting violence. The course material is highly relevant for participants who live in or may operate in divided societies or fragile states. Mobile course iterations are tailored to the specific audience and desired outcomes. Course topics may include:

- ◆ Causes and types of internal conflict
- ◆ Conflict analysis techniques
- ◆ Intervention approaches and strategies
- ◆ Domestic operations: civilian protection; working with intelligence and law enforcement; etc.
- ◆ Conflict resolution strategies
- ◆ Conflict recovery: managing ex-combatants; transitional justice; and addressing ideology

### PARTICIPANTS

The course can be taught to 30–40 participants. Participants should be mid- to senior-level officers and equivalent civilian officials. The course is an excellent opportunity for cross-community engagement – countries should consider sending civil society representatives of aggrieved groups, clergy, industry, or service organizations. In addition, those who are positioned to promote and implement change to support internal conflict capability development are strongly encouraged to attend.

## INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE (ISG) EDUCATION PORTFOLIOS

ISG's tailored education and professional development courses help build a comprehensive knowledge base and strengthen partner capacities to confront complex security and defense challenges. Courses are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues; foster peer-to-peer learning; and build international communities of practice.



## FACULTY

ISG's faculty team is grounded in professional experience from academic, military, government, and civil sectors. The core faculty are augmented by experts drawn from other parts of government, and U.S. and international subject matter experts drawn from universities, industry, think tanks, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

## ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted as part of the U.S. Government's Security Cooperation efforts. Interested partner nation personnel should contact their government's international cooperation section, or the relevant U.S. Embassy's Security Cooperation organization for selection processes and enrollment. Interested U.S. citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

## FUNDING

Educational programs are primarily implemented through Title 22 authorized programs, including International Military Education and Training (IMET), Foreign Military Sales (FMS), Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), and various Title 10 authorized programs, including the Maritime Security Initiative (MSI) and Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFP).

## ABOUT ISG



The Defense Security Cooperation University's (DSCU) Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is the Department of Defense's leading implementer for Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) and one of its primary international schoolhouses. As a component of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), ISG is charged with building partner institutional capacity and capability through tailored advising, education, and professional development programs grounded in American values and approaches.