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Quick summary:

The Geneva Institute of International Relations (GIIR) is a Swiss based independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan membership think tank dedicated to International Affairs. The GIIR was created in 2019 by Mr. Guillaume Fournier and Mr. Marco Pangallo and officially established in 2020 as a swiss association.

The main topics of interest of the organization are International Relations, Defense and Security, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights, Migration, Refugees and IDPs and Global Health

Our audiences include government officials, policymakers, academics, journalists, students and the general public. The goal of the GIIR is to facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge and to help them better understand the current international problematics and make decisions that are based on the best accessible information.

To fulfill its goal, the GIIR develop activities such as the publication of research and analysis papers, articles and reports and aims to develop online courses and conferences.

Latest News:

- In September 2020, Mr. Arkesh Ayyagari, Ms. Azucena Carrasco, Mr. Edoardo Gimigliano as well as Mr. Asi Alkoronky, Mr. Piotr Lubinski, Dr. Mokshada Sharma and Ms. Chloe Scaramuzzino joined GIIR's team of researchers.
- In December 2020, Mr. Briand Kamguem and Ms. Emilie Emeraud joined GIIR as researchers.
- In March 2021, the GIIR added two young professionals (Ms. Giulia Russo Wälti & Ms. Mathilda Castel) to its list of External Contributors.

Join our team / become a contributor:

The GIIR is looking for young professionals interested in joining our team or in publishing occasional papers as external contributors. Publishing for the GIIR is open to recent graduates, researchers, university professors, members of civil society and individuals of the private sector that have a deep expertise in one of the areas of focus of the organization.

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Latest Publications:**The Defense and Security cooperation between India and the United States by Mr. Guillaume Fournier & Mr. Arkesh Ayyagari**

The relationship between India and the United States was complicated until the end of the Cold War. Its end marked the beginning of a thriving relationship between the two countries. India and the U.S have signed various security agreements and have an extensive military collaboration. The U.S now sees India as a long-term strategic partner and a security provider in Southern Asia.

**The current and potential future relevance of the “responsibility to protect” in light of the case of Mali by Ms. Mathilda Castel**

As the level of violence in Mali rose again throughout 2020, questions related to the relevance of the principle of “Responsibility to Protect” (R2P) were once again debated. The African Union, the UN, the EU, and China all seem to have a different understanding of what is R2P and how it should be implemented. In light of the ongoing issues in Mali, is there room for the R2P to evolve?

**A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing Challenges and Opportunities of Water Governance by Ms. Giulia Russo Wälti**

Water-related challenges will intensify in the following years due to increased climate variability and population growth. The international community must develop a so-called “water governance” that combines water diplomacy, water management, and water cooperation. It is essential to identify the causes and the solutions that can be taken to adopt a comprehensive approach to addressing challenges and opportunities of water governance.

**Switzerland’s Weapons Exports by Mr. Guillaume Fournier**

Despite being neutral and home to numerous UN agencies, International Organizations, and NGOs, Switzerland is one of the top weapons exporters in the world. This topic is controversial as the country has often exported to states with questionable concerning Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law records. NGOs and political parties introduced several popular referendums on the regulation or ban of weapons exports.

**La stratégie européenne de la constitution d’une filière photovoltaïque by Mrs. Emilie Emeraud**

Photovoltaic energy is essential to the European Green Deal and the reindustrialization plan supporting the energy transition. Faced with growing competition from Asia, the European photovoltaic industry bounced back with improved solar panel production and massive investments in R&D. Europe’s current goal is to become a pioneer and world leader in renewable energies.

**The Value of Citizenship or the Unfolding of a Humanitarian Crisis by Ms. Azucena Carrasco**

35,000 Australian citizens are unable to return to their country, despite Australia virtually beating COVID-19. Imposed at the onset of the pandemic, the international travel ban is expected to be in place until the end of 2021. There are increasing concerns within the Human Rights community about how effective and proportionate is this measure.

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