NPSGLOBAL FOUNDATION

International Program in Global Security, Emerging Technologies & Artificial Intelligence 2026

Strategic education for decision-makers in high-risk security environments

NPSGLOBAL's International Program maintains its longstanding focus on international security, diplomacy, and international legal frameworks, incorporating artificial intelligence and emerging technologies as cross-cutting dimensions of strategic analysis.

We address the full range of international security issues, including nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, international legal frameworks, geopolitical tensions, key country and regional cases such as the Middle East, Ukraine, and North Korea, terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction, as well as the implications of AI and emerging technologies.

We work at the forefront of international security. Artificial intelligence is presented as a cross-cutting force reshaping every dimension of global risk, diplomacy, and strategic decision-making.

Rather than focusing on theoretical academic knowledge, the Program is designed for professionals: diplomats, government officials, security and defense professionals, analysts, advisers, communicators, and high-potential young professionals seeking to strengthen their strategic judgment and their ability to take action for maximum impact on policymaking.

No technical background or programming knowledge is required. AI and emerging technologies are addressed from the perspective of their strategic, political, legal, and security implications.

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Program essentials

Over the past 17 years, NPSGLOBAL's International Program has trained diplomats, government officials, security and defense professionals, academics, communicators and high-potential young leaders from across Latin America and beyond.

Why This Educational Program

Global security challenges no longer fit neatly into disciplinary boundaries. This Program helps professionals:

- Think strategically across domains
- Anticipate systemic risks
- Participate confidently in high-level policy discussions
- Understand how technology transforms diplomacy, security and governance
- Develop leadership skills

Who Should Apply

There is no single "ideal profile." Each cohort is intentionally diverse and interdisciplinary. Participants typically include:

Diplomats and foreign service officers

Government officials and policymakers

Defense, security and law enforcement professionals

Academics and researchers working on security issues

High-potential early-career professionals seeking strategic positioning

What they share is not age or background, but a significant moment of professional transition involving:

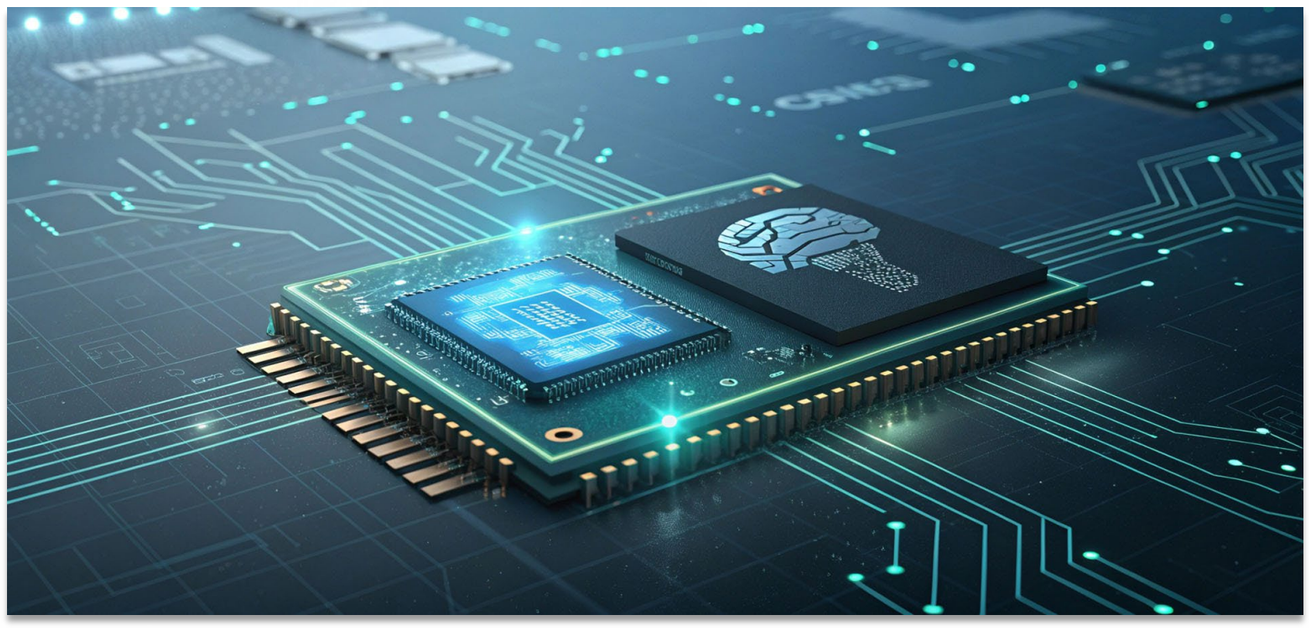
- Taking on broader responsibilities
- Increasing exposure to strategic decision-making
- Integrating technology and security into their work
- Strengthening influence, judgment and professional networks
- Learning to communicate ideas and opinions clearly
- Launching a successful professional career

A Practical Approach

Far from being theoretical, the Program focuses on analysis and policy development. It is demanding yet accessible to professionals. It emphasizes strategic reasoning rather than rote learning.

All modules include assessment, discussion and applied analysis. This is not a short course, but neither is it a university degree program. Its purpose is clarity of thought, not the accumulation of credentials

Artificial Intelligence as a Cross-Cutting Dimension



Artificial intelligence is addressed both as a dedicated field of study and as a cross-cutting factor shaping all areas of international security, diplomacy and decision-making. Each module integrates:

Strategic implications of AI and technological disruption

Impacts on security architectures, diplomacy, escalation dynamics and governance

Limits of existing regulatory and institutional frameworks

A dedicated module addresses AI explicitly, but the Program's strength lies in showing how AI reshapes the international context rather than treating it as just another stand-alone subject

Main thematic areas

Participants interact with a comprehensive set of tools spanning international security, strategic technologies, law, intelligence, negotiation, and policymaking, including a perspective on how artificial intelligence and new technologies are transforming each of these domains. Explore the thematic areas.

Strategic Risks and Global Security Architecture

Transitions of power, deterrence, dynamics of escalation and instability in an increasingly fragmented international system.

Nuclear technology

Nuclear weapons. Civilian nuclear programs, energy, safeguards, verification and their role in strategic stability and international confidence.

Chemical and biological risks

Governance, prevention and response frameworks related to chemical and biological weapons and dual-use capabilities.

Artificial Intelligence

Impacts on intelligence, decision-making, command and control, crisis management, malicious uses, diplomacy, governance, ethics.

Emerging Weapons Systems and Military Technologies

Conventional and unconventional weapons, delivery systems, missiles, drones and their implications for regional and global security.

Intelligence, Strategic Analysis, and Threat Assessment

How information is produced, interpreted, distorted, and translated into evaluations and actions under conditions of uncertainty. Laundering and financing of organized crime, terrorism, and proliferation.

Negotiation, diplomacy and crisis management

Practical tools for negotiation, trust building and escalation management in high-risk international contexts.

Design of public policies

Design, evaluation, and communication of security policies, politically viable, institutionally sound, and operationally relevant.

Legal and regulatory frameworks

International law, arms control regimes, treaties, agreements and initiatives. Limits of existing regulatory architectures.

Terrorism and asymmetric threats

Threat scenarios, non-state actors, and the interplay between technology, ideology, and security responses.

Human factor

Decision-making under stress, cognitive biases, leadership, ethics, and accountability in high-risk security environments.

Faculty

The Program brings together a group of senior professionals, analysts and experts with extensive international experience and a strong presence in the media.

Staff 2026

Irma Argüello (Director), Christian Bonfili, Paulo Botta, Emiliano Buis, Nelson Cardoso, Alejandro Corbacho, Marisol de la Peña, Sonia Fernández Moreno, Jorge Ferrero, Abel González, Pablo Mari Thomsen, Orpet Peixoto, Pablo Ross, Lautaro Rubbi, Diego Santos, Ricardo Spadaro, **Graciela Tufani** (Academic Coordinator) and guest speakers.

> Beyond their academic prestige, staff members are selected for their ability to connect their professional experience with practice, in order to transform ideas into actions.

Profs. Emiliano Buis, Paulo Botta, Irma Argüello, Alejandro Corbacho and Sonia Fernández Moreno in action, 2025.

Format and calendar

Starts in April of each year

The main features are:

Intensive, delivered virtually, live

From April to November

Three meetings per week, evening

Designed for professionals with demanding schedules

Delivered in Spanish. English literacy is required

Small groups, high-level debate between participants and professors and speakers from different countries

Diploma NPSGLOBAL

Meeting of Carlos Ibarra Espinosa, Carla Juárez Guraieb and Gabriel Mondragón Toledo, NPSGLOBAL graduates at an international event. Rio de Janeiro, Dec.2025.

Our achievements

17

Years of continuous validity

300+

Trained participants

16

Countries represented

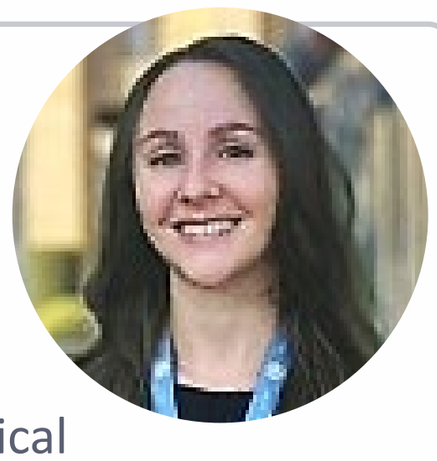
With 17 years of continuous operation, the Program has trained more than 300 participants from 16 countries, creating a rich and diverse network of alumni throughout Latin America and beyond.

It is officially recognized as a relevant educational offering by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and operates in cooperation with key regional and international institutions.

Most graduates have seen their careers advance after their time at NPSGLOBAL. They remain connected through professional networks, informal collaboration and shared analytical language — often long after they finish the Program. Some of them are now part of our teaching and research staff.

This continuity is one of our Foundation's most valuable assets.

Testimonials



The NPSGLOBAL Program allowed me to go deeper Knowledge in Disarmament and international security, and provided me with analytical tools that I continue to apply in my work at the United Nations.

María Garzón Maceda, Argentina, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), Geneva.

The NPSGLOBAL Program broadened my view of the international security and therole of Latin America in the building disarmament and arms control regimes. Its technical and political approach makes it an invaluable tool for those of us who work in diplomacy.

Jorge Alberto López Lechuga, diplomat, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico.

FAQ

How is this Program different from a university course?

It is policy-oriented and has been designed for professionals involved in decision-making, advisory roles, and strategic international security environments or those who yearn to pursue a career in these areas. It prioritizes applied thinking, judgment, and action over academic formalism.

Is the program right for newly graduated professionals?

Yes, as long as they demonstrate a high motivation and ability to tackle complex strategic issues. Each cohort benefits from a mix of young and some more experienced students.

How demanding is the program?

The program is intellectually demanding and includes assignments and assessments. However, it is designed to be challenging without being inaccessible, balancing rigor with support. It is a training that brings out the best in the trainees.

Do I need to bring a technical background in security or technology to the entrance?

No. The program is multidisciplinary by design. Participants are expected to develop a strategic understanding, not a technical specialization.

How is Artificial Intelligence addressed in the program?

The Program is not oriented to programming or in-depth technical study of AI, but to understand its strategic, political, legal and security implications in the international context. All the necessary elements are given in the course.

How do ongoing international news and conflicts influence the program?

As it is a program with a theoretical-practical approach, the development of international events is permanently present in classes and in debates between students and professors.

What are the classes like?

The program is delivered virtually in three weekly three-hour meetings. Trainees benefit from direct and continuous live interaction with peers and faculty. Classes do not overlap with regular work schedules.

How does the admissions process work?

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