



# INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

*Advancing Knowledge, Building Capacity, Strengthening Partners*



## EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS IN DEFENSE

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The key objective of this course is to examine methods civilian authorities and military officers in democracies use to establish effective linkages between a country's executive branch, legislature, and armed forces. It focuses on ensuring that members of the legislative and executive branches view security threats—and approaches to confronting those threats—in a common manner. Content included in this course stresses the importance of appropriating adequate resources for the roles and missions assigned to executive branch security agencies. Emphasis is placed on establishing specific mechanisms for coordination.

### OBJECTIVES

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

- ◆ Articulate fundamental concepts related to positive civil-military relations
- ◆ Describe the importance of positive civil-military relations in the maintenance of national security
- ◆ Utilize specific skills to identify threats, assign institutional roles and missions, and develop whole-of-government responses to national security challenges
- ◆ Develop professional networks to address shared security interests

### TOPICS

This course provides participants with a series of expert presentations and small group exercises designed to ensure that executive and legislative branch personnel have a common understanding of, and approach to the security threats facing their nation. It provides practical approaches to creating systems that encourage coordination and whole-of-government responses to national security challenges. Course topics may include:

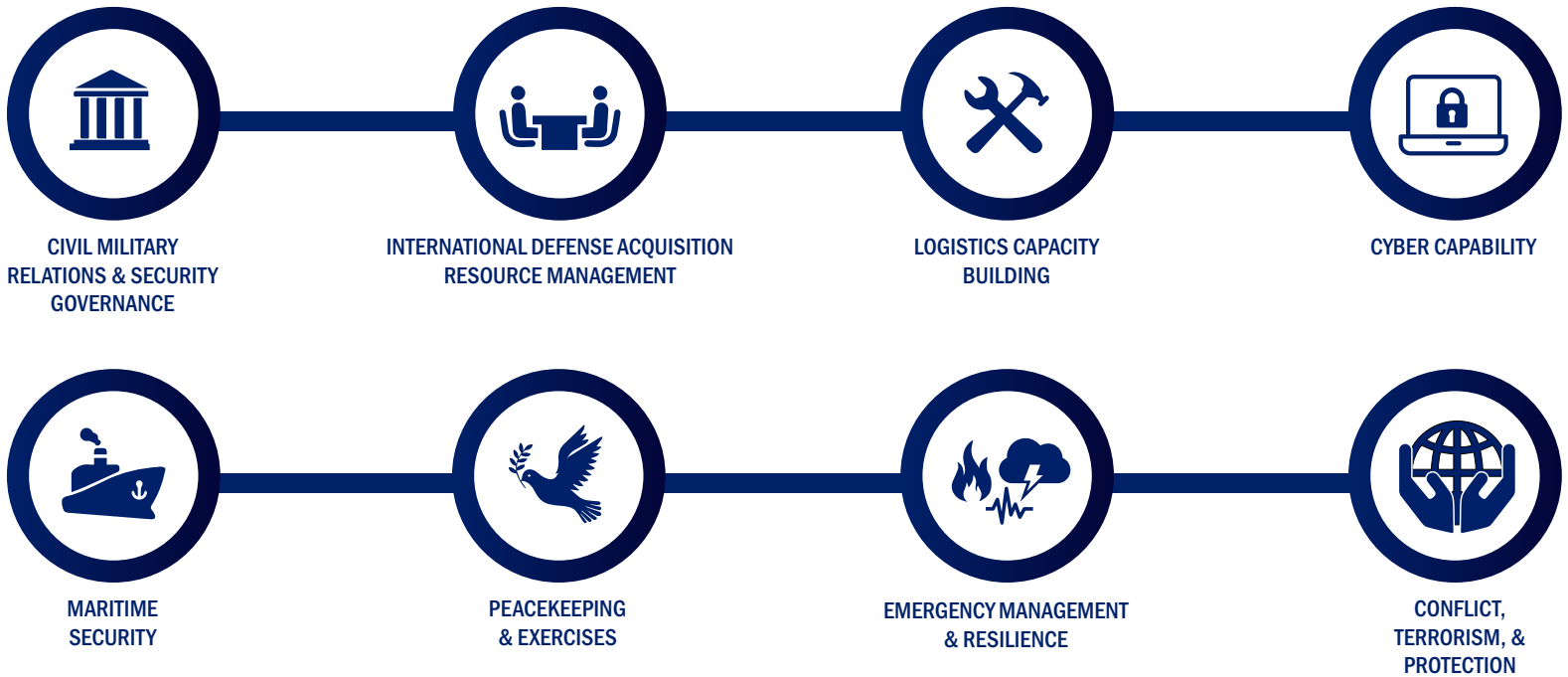
- ◆ The constitutional and legal framework of executive-legislative relations in defense and security
- ◆ The role of the executive branch in defense and security policies
- ◆ The role of the legislature in framing defense legislation
- ◆ Executive control and legislative oversight of defense and military policy
- ◆ Threat assessment
- ◆ Roles and missions

### PARTICIPANTS

This course is designed for civilian legislators and officials, military officers in the ranks of Lieutenant Colonel to General, and representatives from other institutions concerned with developing effective linkages between the executive branch, the legislatures, and the armed forces. Female participants are strongly encouraged to attend.

## ISG PROGRAM AREAS

ISG programming has been developed over 25 years by providing military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Courses are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues, foster peer-to-peer learning, and build international communities of interest.



## FACULTY

ISG has a diverse faculty team 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 American 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 US Government security cooperation efforts. Interested partner nation personnel should contact their government's international cooperation section, or the relevant US Embassy's security/military cooperation office for selection processes and enrollment. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

## FUNDING

Educational programs are primarily implemented through Title 22 authorized programs (International Military Education and Training, Foreign Military Sales, Peacekeeping Operations) and various Title 10 authorized programs such as the Maritime Security Initiative (MSI) and Regional Defense Combating Terrorism and Irregular Warfare Fellowship Program (RDFFP).

## ABOUT ISG



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