



INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY

EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS IN DEFENSE

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CERTIFICATION: PME, E-IMET

This course examines methods that civilian authorities and military officers in democracies use to establish effective linkages among a country's executive branch, legislature, and armed forces. It focuses on ensuring that legislative and executive branch members 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 conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Articulate fundamental concepts related to positive Civil-Military Relations (CMR).
- ◆ Describe the importance of positive CMR in the maintenance of national security.
- ◆ Use 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

While attending this course, participants receive expert presentations and are led in small-group exercises designed to ensure that executive and legislative branch personnel share an understanding of national security threats and that they have a collective approach to address them. 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 among the executive branch, the legislatures, and the armed forces.

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.