THE CONCEPT
Designed as a four-week resident program, the Seminar on Regional Security is a regionally focused course for professionals from across government and the private sector who work in conflict analysis and management or crisis mitigation. Held at the George C. Marshall Center, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, the course is conducted annually in English and Russian. The course program can be adapted to specific functional needs of military, political, and civil society personnel and be conducted as a non-resident program at your location.

THE OBJECTIVES
By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Analyze current security crises.
- Understand their impact on regional security
- Identify patterns of conflict management
- Consider the gender dimensions of conflict and conflict management
- Practice negotiation techniques
- Join a network of over 350 former SRS participants – reaching from the US and Ireland to South Korea and Australia, and from the Baltic States to Mali and Nigeria.

THE MODULES

Module 1: Developing a Common Understanding – Introduction of the analytical and practical tools used during SRS.

Module 2: Analyzing Conflict and Conflict Management – Analysis of Regional Conflicts, Their Root Causes, Conflict Parties, and Conflict Management Effectiveness.


Module 4: Validating Conflict Management Approaches – Field Study Trip to experience reality in ongoing conflict management scenarios through practitioners in regional/ international organizations.

THE PARTICIPANTS

The SRS is aimed at mid-level through senior military and civilian government officials as well as NGO representatives who:

- Have a relevant background in conflict management;
- Will be deployed to a crisis region;
- Consult (or advise) their institutions on crisis analysis and conflict management.

Participants should have a clear professional interest in and background knowledge of regional or transnational and international crisis management. This course strives for balanced gender participation and encourages applications from women.
THE COURSE LEADERSHIP

Col. Jörg Kunze
Director for the Seminar on Regional Security

Colonel Kunze attended the General Staff Course at the German Armed Forces Command and Staff College in Hamburg and specialized on analysis of foreign security doctrine and armed forces, as he served in the Federal Intelligence Service and in the German Ministry of Defense. He took up various assignments in the field of international relations, being assigned to a multi-national headquarter in Italy and as a defense attaché to the Republic of Austria and the Islamic Republic of Iran. Before his assignment at the Marshall Center, he was the director of the International General Staff Course (Air) at the German Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Hamburg.

Dr. Suzanne Loftus
Professor of National Security

Dr. Suzanne Loftus is a Professor of National Security. Most of her research and publications concern Russian – Western relations and Russian foreign and domestic policy. She has expanded her research recently to understanding the dynamics between Russian policy and transatlantic relations and security. Her previous experience includes teaching & research at the University of Miami, where she obtained her doctoral degree in International Studies with a focus on Russia. Prior to that she worked at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland as well as in the private sector.

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