

Learning to Navigate the Geopolitical Storm:

The First Year of the oiip Academy

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We live in a time when geopolitics has returned to the forefront of international affairs and increasingly affects almost every aspect of our lives and societies.

From wars in Ukraine, the Middle East, and Iran to the transatlantic rift, fragile supply chains, democratic backsliding, hybrid conflicts, and AI-driven disruptions, the international landscape is undergoing profound change. These developments increasingly shape not only international politics but also business decisions, diplomacy, media work, and civil society engagement.

In such an environment, there is an urgent need to understand geopolitics and adapt to a new era. Geopolitics is no longer a niche expertise reserved for diplomats or academics; rather, it has become a practical necessity for everyone.

It was against this backdrop that we at oiip decided to develop and launch the oiip Academy. The oiip Academy brings the Institute's regional and thematic expertise into executive education

programs. In fall 2025, we launched our first executive education program, titled "How to Navigate Geopolitical Risks." This modular program is designed for professionals from a wide range of fields. It aims to equip participants with both conceptual knowledge and practical skills to develop geopolitical literacy.

The oiip Academy is designed for professionals who need to understand and respond to geopolitical developments in their day-to-day work. By combining expert insights, practical case studies, and interactive learning formats, our programs help participants strengthen their

analytical capabilities and make more informed decisions in an increasingly complex international environment.

What sets the oiip Academy apart is its combination of academic rigor and practical relevance. Drawing on the Institute's extensive regional expertise, policy-oriented research, and international networks, our programs are designed to help participants translate geopolitical analysis into informed decisions and effective strategies in their professional environments.

Our classes are small and interactive. Participants also have the opportunity

"I gained a better understanding of how to approach complex global issues and think more strategically."

“ The mix of theory and practical application made the learning experience truly engaging and relevant.”

“ I especially valued the interactive exercises and the exchange of expertise between presenters and participants.”

“ The interactive format and discussions made the course dynamic and far from one-dimensional.”

“ The insights into scenario monitoring and horizon scanning were particularly valuable.”

“ The Academy provided concrete tools and frameworks that I can directly apply in my daily work.”

to connect and network with experts and practitioners from around the world.

Over the coming months and years, oiip will further expand its executive education offerings and develop certificate programs in collaboration with universities.

Stay tuned. Join us at the Academy and gain firsthand insights and practical tools to navigate new geopolitical and geo-economic uncertainties and uncharted waters with greater clarity, critical thinking, strategic awareness, and foresight.

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