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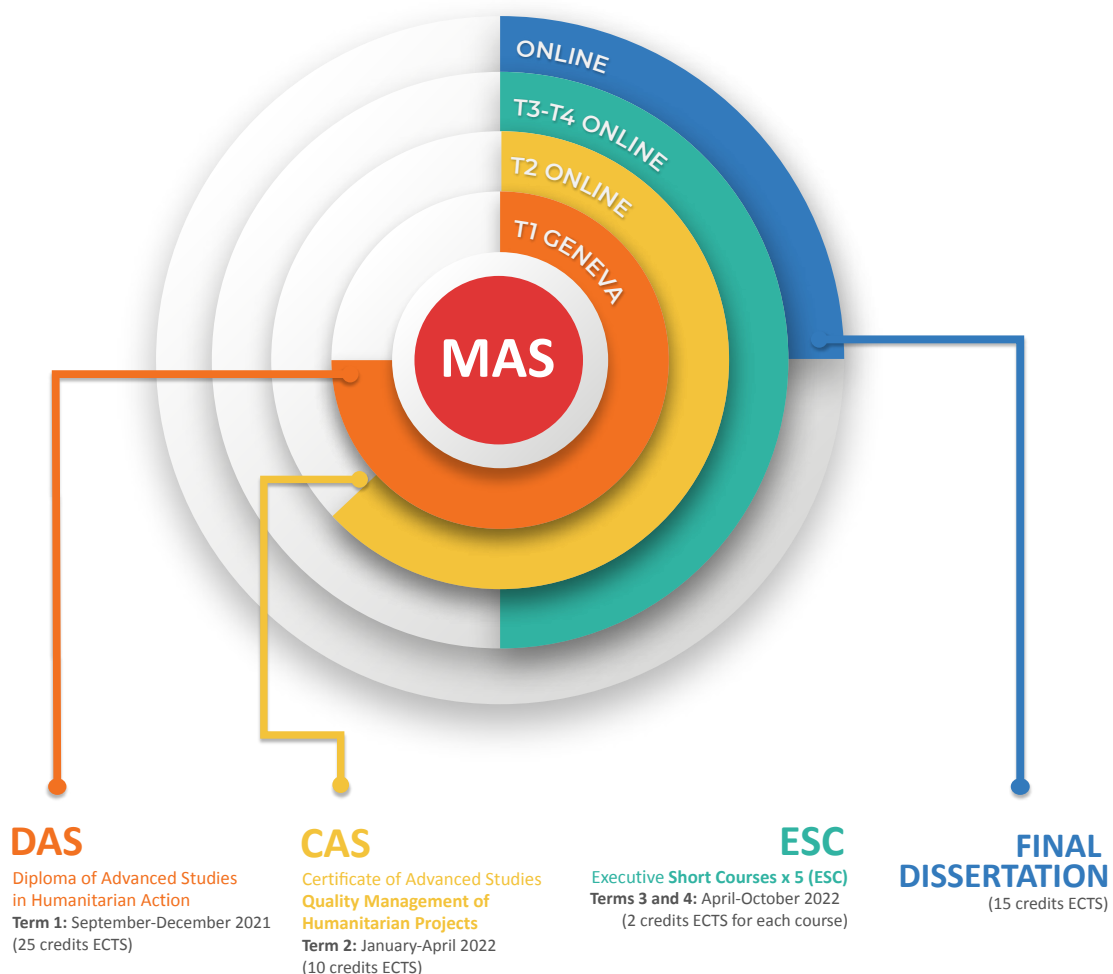
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New MAS structure

In light of ongoing COVID related travel restrictions and changing learning trends we have adapted our Master programme, starting in September 2021, so that is a blended course. Students will join us in Geneva for a residential Term 1, and then Terms 2 and 3 will be online.



New — Centre offices

All departments with an international focus within the University of Geneva moved to new offices opposite the main university campus. The new office is equipped with a state-of-the-art teaching room, and space and facilities to host visiting lecturers and fellows and host high-level events.



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New Humanitarian Encyclopedia **platform**

In Spring 2021, our [Humanitarian Encyclopedia](#) project entered a new, exciting phase with the introduction of an interactive platform. The platform further explores the 129 humanitarian concepts through various formats including expertise notes, forums and webinars. The next goal is to increase user engagement at the grassroots level where this resource will be beneficial to humanitarian professionals working at country and regional levels.

Welcome to the Humanitarian Encyclopedia

A collaborative online platform to co-produce concepts
and apply knowledge that guides an effective
humanitarian response

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— Courses go online

Determined to continue our courses with our students in 2020 we rapidly adjusted our offer due to the COVID19 crisis, and moved the majority of courses online.

This key change has now translated into a strategic ongoing change, with many courses remaining online in 2021 onwards.

— Key residential courses remain

However in 2021 and beyond, a key group of courses will remain face to face in Geneva including our Diploma in Humanitarian Action (DAS), and we will offer both online and residential formats for our executive short courses on Negotiation in Emergency Settings, and Sexual Violence in Emergency and Conflict settings. Other residential courses may also be developed based on partner demand.

Please find our updated course list at:
<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/find-course/>

200 students and rising

In 2020-2021 we taught some 200 students from a wide range of countries and backgrounds thanks to our scholarship programme for our Master and Diploma courses.

For 2021-2022 our student numbers are on the increase. Overall we have seen an uplift of over 50 per cent.



New executive short courses

We will continue to update our range of Executive Short Courses offering 12 courses in a variety of subjects including protection, negotiation. Health Systems Assessment and Sexual Violence in Emergency & Conflict Settings.

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/find-course/>



— Researching the Impact of Attacks on Healthcare

In 2021 a consortium of researchers led by the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at The University of Manchester in collaboration with the Geneva Centre of Education and Research in Humanitarian Action and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, developed a new research programme: **Researching the Impact of Attacks on Healthcare (RIAH)**. Funded by the FCDO, the programme aims to improve the understanding of the nature, frequency, scale and impact of attacks on healthcare in conflict.

Mogadishu, Keysaney Hospital. A nurse attends to newly admitted patients and wears a mask to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. Copyright: ICRC.





West Bank. Palestinian women are practicing using blood pressure monitor during an event organized by the ICRC and the Palestine Red Crescent Society. Copyright: ICRC.

— **Launch of the Lancet** Special issue on Women's and Children's Health

We launched a new Lancet Series on Women's and Children's Health in Conflict Settings. The series, co-authored by the Centre's Director, Professor Karl Blanchet, draws upon scholarship from the Bridging Research & Action in Conflict Settings for Health of Women & Children (BRANCH) Consortium – of which we are partners – and provides insights into the nature and dynamics of women's and children's health and nutrition in diverse conflict contexts globally.

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/the-lancet-series-on-womens-and-childrens-health-in-conflict-settings/>

Member of — Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies short courses



The ICRC rehabilitates the local school so that children no longer have to walk 15 km on a poorly maintained road to reach another school in the area. Photo Credit: Haytham Haridy/ICRC

This year we joined the launch of the Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies. The Hub is based in Geneva and includes representatives from the Education Cannot Wait, the Global Education Cluster, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNHCR, the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the University of Geneva, the Graduate Institute and the ICRC.

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/launch-of-the-geneva-global-hub-for-education-in-emergencies/>

— Integrated package of Essential Health Services in Afghanistan



Professor Karl Blanchet with His Excellency Dr Majrooh, Minister of Health. Photo credit: Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies

In March 2021, Prof. Karl Blanchet travelled to Afghanistan to finalise with the Ministry of Public Health the content of the Integrated package of Essential Health Services, a priority package of health interventions for the whole country.

— Hypertension and Diabetes in Afghanistan

The Centre received funding from Novo Nordisk to conduct a situational analysis of diabetes and hypertension in Afghanistan in partnership with MoPH, Aga Khan University and Hautes Etudes de Gestion, Geneva.

Study on Innovation — in sexual and reproductive health.

The Centre co-organised a new webinar series to stimulate a debate around the role of innovation in humanitarian sexual and reproductive health, together with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Science Practice.

The two webinars are available [here](#).



DMPA-SC self-injectable contraceptive – Photo reproduced from the PATH website at www.path.org



Lancet Migration European Regional Hub

In June 2021, the Lancet Migration European Regional Hub was introduced. This initiative is co-led by Lancet Migration and the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, with Professor Karl Blanchet being the co-Lead together with Professor Bernadette Kunar of this new initiative. The hub aims to make a positive impact on the lives of people who migrate to or within Europe, and the environments in which they live, through multidisciplinary research, as well as leadership, engagement, dissemination of research, and advocacy.

<https://migrationhealth.org/regional-hubs/europe/>

Webinar series: Power and Decoloniality in Humanitarian Aid

As part of our mission to contribute to critical reflection on contemporary humanitarianism in May, we hosted the first webinar of the series "Addressing Power and Decoloniality in Humanitarian Aid" coordinated by Dr Valerie Gorin. The goal of the series, organised with Harvard Medical School, is to introduce, discuss, and frame the coloniality and decolonisation of humanitarian aid and humanitarian medicine by involving expertise and opinions from humanitarian academics and practice, global health, and action groups.



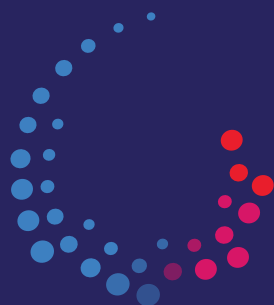
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CCHN World Summit 2021

— Negotiation Summit

In June 2021, we contributed to the World Summit on Frontline Humanitarian Negotiations organised by the Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN). The summit brought together frontline negotiators, humanitarian policymakers, scholars, donors, and government representatives.

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/cchn-world-summit-on-frontline-humanitarian-negotiation/>



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