Understanding Geneva

5 Saturdays
9th, 23rd October
6th, 20th November
4th December 2010

Department of Geography, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences

In collaboration with “Petit Futé, Geneva”
Have you recently moved to Geneva? Do you wish to know more about its political, social, economic and geographical context? Would you benefit from exchanging experience with others in the same situation?

Finding out about practices or institutions, and understanding them well enough to be operational in a new environment takes time. Yet this has a cost in terms of professional efficiency.

We offer an intensive and interactive training programme of lectures, visits and debates designed by academics and practitioners to provide all you need to know to make the most of living in Geneva, both professionally and personally.

Schedule

- **Morning:** welcome reception (coffee and croissants, presentation of the programme and participants) and 2 presentations
- Lunch debate and networking
- Afternoon: workshops and visits

Moderation

The 5 days will be moderated by Helène VIBOUREL, Chief Editor “Petit Futé Geneva”
Programme

9th October

Urban Safari: Places and Landscapes in and around Geneva

9h30  Welcome reception, Community arts centre “La Julienne”, Plan-les-Ouates
       Juliet FALL, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Geneva

10h15 Landscape and Territory of Geneva
       Dominique ZUMKELLER, Historian-economist, Geneva

11h00 Urban Safari (I)
       Philippe BRUN, Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Geneva

13h00 Lunch at a farm

14h30 Urban Safari (II)

16h00 End (Return to Plan-les-Ouates)

23rd October

L’Esprit de Genève

9h30  Welcome reception, Uni Dufour, University of Geneva

10h00 Geneva, city of finance and economy, NN

11h00 International Geneva
       François NORDMANN, former Swiss Ambassador

12h30 Lunch at the Pavillon, Parc des Bastions

14h00 Visit of the Old Town and the International Museum of the Reformation
       Anna HAMILTON, Guide, and Isabelle GRAESSLE, Director, International
       Museum of the Reformation

16h30 End

6th November

Politics and Institutions

9h30  Welcome reception, Uni Dufour, University of Geneva

10h00 Institutions and the Swiss Political System
       Joëlle KUNTZ, Writer and Journalist, Le Temps, Geneva
11h00  Institutions of Geneva through an illustrated visit of the City Hall
           Dominique LOUIS, Head of Protocol, Republic and Canton of Geneva

12h00  Lunch at the Café Papon, Geneva Old Town

14h00  Round table and discussion of Swiss current affairs
           with a local politician, moderated by Joëlle KUNTZ

15h30  End

20th November

Population and Society

9h30  Welcome reception, Hospice Général, Geneva

10h00  Demographic Trends in Geneva
           Michel ORIS, Professor of social history, University of Geneva

11h00  Understanding the Social Context of Geneva
           Bertrand LEVRAT, Director, Hospice Général, Geneva

12h00  Departure to the Pâquis neighborhood by Mouette Boat

12h30  Lunch at the Bains des Pâquis

14h00  Departure to the Grottes neighborhood
           Luca PATTARONI, Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

14h30  History, planning and citizenship: Les Grottes, NN

16h30  End

4th December

Arts and Culture

9h30  Welcome reception, Uni Mail, University of Geneva

10h00  Specificities of the art scene in Geneva, NN

11h00  Cultural Policies in Geneva
           Joëlle COME, Director, Department of Culture, Republic and Canton of Geneva

12h30  Lunch at the Curiositas Restaurant, Quartier des Bains

14h00  Visit of selected art galleries in the Quartier des Bains, and the Musée d’art
                   moderne et contemporain (MAMCO)

16h00  Farewell cocktail party
Practical Information

Audience
Professionals from companies, administrations, NGOs, international organizations, higher education bodies. Anyone willing to improve his/her knowledge of Geneva.

Conferences
This interactive programme will include well-known academics, journalists, politicians, diplomats and practitioners.

Period
- On Saturday: 9 and 23 October, 6 and 20 November, 4 December 2010
- In French: from March to June 2011: www.unige.ch/formcont/comprendregeneve

Fees
CHF 1’250.- including excursions, conferences, guides, organization, lunches (excluding drinks) and catering.

Registration
- Registration on line: www.unige.ch/formcont/understandingGeneva OR
- The attached registration form must be sent prior to 1st October 2010 to:
  Simon GABERELL
  Departement of Geography, University of Geneva
  simon.gaberell@unige.ch

A letter of confirmation including details for payment and the full programme will be sent to participants upon registration. The numbers of participants is limited to 15. Registrations are recorded as they arrive.

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Le programme Pour comprendre Genève sera offert en français au printemps 2011
Understanding Geneva 2010

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☐ UNDERSTANDING GENEVA 2010, and agree to pay the tuition of CHF 1’250.- upon receipt of acceptance

CANCELLATION FEE
Any withdrawal before the first day of the course incurs a CHF 100.- cancellation charge. On the first day of the course, the full fee is due

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