Political Transitions and Regime Change Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. **Analyze** the theoretical frameworks of **democratization**, authoritarianism, and **political decay**.
2. **Evaluate** the root causes of political instability and **regime breakdown**.
3. **Assess** the role of **civil society**, social movements, and elite pacts in transitions.
4. **Examine** the impact of **geopolitical shifts** and foreign intervention on domestic political change.
5. **Differentiate** between different types of **regime transitions** (e.g., negotiated, revolutionary, imposed).
6. **Develop** skills in **political risk assessment** and strategic forecasting.
7. **Identify** the challenges of **post-conflict reconstruction** and transitional justice.
8. **Understand** the role of **constitutional design** and institutional reform in consolidating new regimes.
9. **Explore** the influence of **digital technology** and social media on political mobilization.
10. **Formulate** effective strategies for diplomatic engagement and **conflict resolution** during transitions.
11. **Analyze** the role of economic factors, such as **economic inequality**, in driving political change.
12. **Master** the principles of **good governance** and sustainable political development.
13. **Apply** theoretical knowledge to real-world **case studies** of successful and failed transitions.

Target Audience

- **Diplomats** and Foreign Service Officers
- **International Development** professionals
- **Government Officials** and Policy Advisors
- **Journalists** and Political Analysts
- **NGO and Civil Society** leaders
- **Military** and security sector personnel
- **Academics** and Researchers
- **Corporate** political risk analysts

Course Modules

Module 1: The Foundations of Political Change

- **Understanding** the state, regime, and government.
- **Key theories** of political development and decay.
- **Drivers** of political change: economic, social, and cultural.
- **Case Study:** The Arab Spring: A wave of protests driven by economic grievances and social media.
- **Comparative analysis** of regime types.

Module 2: Authoritarianism and Resilience

- **Mechanisms** of autocratic rule and control.
- **Strategies** for regime survival and longevity.
- **The role of patronage**, repression, and propaganda.
- **Case Study:** China's One-Party Rule: How a single party has maintained power despite rapid economic modernization.
- **Analyzing** the vulnerabilities of authoritarian regimes.

Module 3: The Dynamics of Democratic Transition

- **Negotiated transitions** vs. revolutionary change.
- **Elite pacts** and the role of key political actors.
- **The influence** of civil society and nonviolent action.
- **Case Study:** The South African Transition: The role of negotiation and reconciliation in ending apartheid.
- **Sequencing** of reforms: political, economic, and institutional.

Module 4: Post-Conflict and Transitional Justice

- **Rebuilding institutions** after conflict.
- **The principles** of transitional justice: truth commissions and accountability.
- **DDR (Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration)** of former combatants.
- **Case Study:** The Gacaca Courts in Rwanda: A community-based justice system for post-genocide accountability.
- **The challenge** of reconciling justice with stability.

Module 5: The Role of External Actors

- **Geopolitical forces** and their impact on transitions.
- **The role of foreign intervention**, sanctions, and aid.
- **International organizations** and their peace-building efforts.
- **Case Study:** The UN's Role in Cambodia's Transition: Examining the successes and failures of international intervention.
- **Balancing** national sovereignty with international engagement.

Module 6: Governance and Institutional Reform

- **Designing resilient** constitutional frameworks.
- **Strengthening** the rule of law and judicial independence.
- **Reforming** the security sector and civil-military relations.
- **Case Study:** The Challenges of Police Reform in Post-Soviet Ukraine.
- **Combating** corruption and promoting transparency.

Module 7: Political Risk and Forecasting

- **Methodologies** for political risk analysis.
- **Identifying** early warning signs of instability.
- **Developing** strategic responses for businesses and governments.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing the Political Risks of Investing in a New Democracy.
- **Forecasting** different transition scenarios.

Module 8: The Future of Political Change

- **The impact** of populism and nationalism on democracy.
- **Digital authoritarianism** and the future of dissent.
- **Climate change** and its potential to drive instability.
- **Case Study:** The Rise of Populist Movements in Europe: Examining the factors that led to their electoral success.
- **Navigating** a multipolar and fragmented world.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Lectures and Discussions:** Expert-led sessions followed by Q&A.
- **Case Study Analysis:** In-depth examination of historical and contemporary examples.
- **Simulations and Role-Playing:** Participants will assume roles of key actors in a political transition scenario.
- **Group Work and Presentations:** Collaborative projects to develop and present solutions.
- **Guest Speakers:** Practitioners and experts from international organizations, diplomacy, and academia.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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