FAQ ETH-Alumni

What is the purpose of the ETH alumni section "Center for Security Studies (CSS)"?
The CSS alumni group aims to reinforce and strengthen the network of former CSS researchers in the public administration, academia, and the corporate sector.

How is the CSS Alumni Section organized?
The CSS alumni group is headed by a staffed by the following persons:
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Wenger, Institute Director
- Dr. Oliver Thränert, Head of Think Tank
- Daniel Frey, Institute Manager
The CSS Alumni Section is attached to the ETH alumni umbrella body. Thus, members benefit from the benefits of the ETH alumni body.

What are the conditions for membership in the CSS Alumni Section?
The CSS Alumni Section is largely composed of former researchers and other individuals who spent a considerable period of time at the CSS.

Having completed a degree as a Bachelor in Political Sciences, a Master of Comparative and International Studies (MA CIS), a Diploma of Advanced Studies in Military Sciences, an MAS in Security Policy and Crisis Management, or another course at the D-GESS department, can I become a member of the CSS Alumni Section?
No. Membership is reserved for those who worked as academics (researchers or research associates) at the CSS. Your university degree need not necessarily be from ETH Zurich.

What are the advantages of membership in the CSS Alumni Section?
The CSS Alumni Section organizes an annual networking event that serves to maintain old contacts and make new ones. Members also receive personal invitations to other select CSS events such as the CSS Evening Talks, as well as the CSS Newsletter.
Moreover, members of the CSS Alumni Section enjoy access to all the services and benefits available to ETH alumni. This includes free access to the ETH Library and the NEBIS platform, access to an exclusive job portal, and the ASVZ sports offerings. Alumni also benefit from discounts and special conditions offered by Project Neptun (laptops, iPads, etc.) as well as for collective health insurance bargains, for the Mobility car-sharing system and Europcar car rentals, for NZZ subscriptions and the offerings of publishers vdf Hochschulverlag AG, as well as rebates with Zurich Tourism and the "getAbstract" service.

What is the cost of membership in the CSS Alumni Section?
The membership fee, set by the ETH Alumni Association, is CHF 70.00 per year. In addition to membership in the CSS section, this includes affiliation with the ETH Alumni Association with all the benefits that entails. The activities of the CSS Alumni Section are also included. Invoices are sent out in the last month of each year.

How is the ETH Alumni Association structured?
The ETH Alumni Association is regulated by public law. It supports ETH Zurich in its tasks, for instance, with the ETH Career Services, which help ETH alumni start their career. It is therefore a charitable organization with a view to the public mandate of ETH Zurich. The goal and purpose of the Association is to build an active network including ETH Zurich, the alumni, the corporate sector, and the general public; to support ETH Zurich's leading position in teaching and research; to give voice to the interests of ETH alumni in education policy, and to supply members regularly with information about special activities at ETH Zurich and within the various alumni sections. The ETH Alumni Association, as the umbrella organization of all alumni, has over 22'700 active members. → *more information*

Is membership in the CSS Alumni Section linked to membership in the ETH Alumni Association?
Yes. Members of the CSS Alumni Section also have member status in the ETH Alumni Association and enjoy its offers and benefits. → *more information*

How can I join?
Membership applications may be submitted either by e-mail (*alumni@css.ethz.ch*) or directly online at *www.css.ethz.ch/fsk/about/alumni*.

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