

# AP R2P Update: January - April 2015



Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

The Report of the R2P at 10 Conference is now available for download: read through [summary and recommendations](#) or explore the [detailed conference report](#).

Preparations are currently underway for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual [International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference](#), which is co-hosted by the Centre and held at The University of Queensland on 18-19 June 2015. The theme of this year's conference is The Difference that Gender Makes to International Peace and Security. **We're pleased to announce the Keynote speaker for this year is [Gaynel Curry](#), the Gender and Women's Rights Advisor to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.** We hope to see you there.

## R2P at 10 Conference a Success

On the 26-27 February, members of the Centre travelled to Cambodia to celebrate and analyse the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine at the R2P at 10 conference. The conference discussed the progress, challenges and opportunities for R2P in the Asia Pacific in the past decade, what has been learnt and where the region is looking to for the future.

## R2P at 10 in their own words

Working with major players in the Asia Pacific region to understand their role in the Responsibility to Protect is one of the main areas of work for the AP R2P. You can access the [full text of speeches and presentations](#) at the recent R2P at 10 conference held in Phnom Penh in February of 2015: highlights include opening address by Prime Minister of Cambodia [Samdech Hun Sen](#), ICC chief Prosecutor [Mrs. Fatou Bensouda](#) and [Simon Adam's closing remarks on the future of R2P](#).



With 200 representatives including UN and governmental leaders, R2P Focal Points, diplomats and officials from the Asia Pacific region, eminent experts on R2P, and prominent civil society representatives and interested participants, the conference aimed to promote fresh thinking and dialogue about the progress made thus far in translating R2P from 'words to deeds', and the opportunities that lie ahead to facilitate efforts to make the R2P principle a 'lived reality' both in the region and globally.

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- [videos, speeches and presentations](#) are also available for download



### AP R2P Welcomes 25 Fellows from Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines

The Centre has been awarded a Grant to host a fellowship program, "Toward a Culture of Prevention: Advancing Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN" this year from the Australian Government - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This Australia Awards Fellowship focuses on the Women, Peace and Security agenda that is highly significant this year being 20 years since



### Join the R2P conversation

Sign up to receive updates from [Protection Gateway](#), the blog of the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. Protection Gateway provides governments, international organisations, civil society groups and the research community with new knowledge to inform policy concerning the prevention of human protection crises and protection of vulnerable populations. Submissions accepted for short pieces (500-800 words). Please contact Sara Davies ([se.davies@qut.edu.au](mailto:se.davies@qut.edu.au)) or Alex Bellamy ([a.bellamy@uq.edu.au](mailto:a.bellamy@uq.edu.au)).



### Welcome to AP R2P Visitors

The Centre welcomes Dr. Ma Lourdes Veneración-Rallonza from Ateneo de Manila University to the Centre as one of the DFAT Australia Awards Fellows.

Dr Rallonza serves as a consultant to the Office of the Presidential Peace Process and on the implementation of the Philippine National Action Plan on WPS. Dr Rallonza's research as part of the Fellowship will focus on developing policy proposals on strengthening ASEAN mechanisms for the protection of women and girls.

the UN Beijing Platform for Action and 15 years since the passing of Resolution 1325, the first resolution to stress the importance of women's equal and full participation in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace-building and peacekeeping.

A culture of excluding women from political and security structures amongst the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a barrier to mediating conflict and preventing sexual and gender based violence during conflict and disasters. Also to ensuring women's economic and social empowerment in post-conflict settings. Members of ASEAN have endorsed multiple commitments to prevent violence against women, but ASEAN has yet to adopt specific measures to implement the Women, Peace and Security agenda into its political-security policy framework.

The purpose of this Fellowship program is to deepen the knowledge and skills to advance the implementation of the WPS agenda. This will contribute to a regional shift from a culture of women's exclusion to a culture of gendered conflict prevention and societal resilience in Southeast Asia. The program will advance the priority development area of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through peer-to-peer and intra-regional knowledge exchange and policy dialogue on concrete measures to strengthen the protection and participation of women in governance, judicial and security institutions.



#### REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OF WORKSHOP HELD  
IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA  
20 AUGUST 2014

### ASEAN AND THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

in Conflict and Humanitarian Situations

#### Report published: APR2P and ASEAN leaders work to bring Women, Peace and Security into Focus

Bringing together 48 leaders from the government sector, non-government organizations and international organizations from South-East Asia, the 2014 Conference held in Jakarta yielded many important recommendations about how to [prevent violence against women in humanitarian situations](#). The conference utilised participants' experience as well as professional advisors to grasp a greater understanding of the issues facing women in times of conflict.



#### Welcome to our Semester 1 Interns

For Semester 1 2015, we welcome four new research interns to work under the supervision of the academic staff in the Centre, Megan Frawley, Teagan Hood, Aydon Edwards and Veronica Bandu.

Megan is working under the supervision of Dr Phil Orchard on "How Protections for IDPs have developed over the last decade."

Working with Prof Alex Bellamy and Dr Charles Hunt, Teagan is working on "The Prevailing Debates and Perspectives post-2007 on the "use of force" and "protection of civilians" discourse in peacekeeping operations by the UN Security Council".

Dr Noel Morada is supervising Veronica's work on "Principles of Non-Intervention, Traditional Respect of State Sovereignty and the R2P within South-East Asian states".

Aydon is being supervised by Dr Sarah Teitt on "Women Peace and Security in Security Sector Reform in ASEAN." We welcome our new interns and look forward to reading their work!



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With a focus on promoting greater awareness and support for the women, peace and security agenda and combining its role with the Responsibility to Protect, the conference aimed to address four core correlations, including that “*Sexual and gendered violence are often the first types of mass atrocity crimes committed against populations to achieve political ends.*”

Five major recommendations were given as a result of the conference. Though all of the recommendations have an element of security in them, using the United Nations’ framework on women, peace and security (Resolution 1325) is the top recommendation to utilise all available resources including local, international and regional actors. Further on this topic is the suggestion of using the National Action Plans that come from countries adopting Resolution 1325 and creating a peer-to-peer knowledge exchange to build capacity of individuals and empowering members of women in peace and security institutions.

## AP R2P activities: reports on recent events

### [New partnership with Providing for Peacekeeping](#)

The project analyses factors that encourage or discourage states from contributing to UN peacekeeping operations. It aims to generate information and analysis in order to broaden the base of countries that contribute troops and police, improve the quality of contributions, and fill capacity gaps. With this new partnership, the Centre is set to further expand its current research on peacekeeping.

### [Public Seminar on the HLAP Report on Mainstreaming R2P in Southeast Asia](#) (Jakarta).

### [The Rohingya Crisis and Risk of Atrocities in Myanmar: A Challenge to ASEAN and a Call for Action](#)

Roundtable with ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR). Dr. Noel M. Morada made a presentation on “Elections in Myanmar from R2P Lens” and participated in the press conference after the roundtable. The Roundtable and press conference is part of the civil society activities in Kuala Lumpur prior to the ASEAN Summit of Leaders on 26-27 April.

### [Seminar on the Role of Parliament in Mass Atrocity Prevention \(AP R2P/HRWG/ATAP\)](#)

A two-day seminar on mass atrocity prevention in Tangerang, Indonesia, including the identification and discussion of current issues, opportunities, and challenges in preventing mass atrocity crimes.

### [China and the International Humanitarian Order](#)

China’s divergence from the common form of multilateral humanitarian assistance has made its contributions to bilateral humanitarian assistance an anomaly in the international humanitarian order.

### [Human Security and Gender Sensitive Policy in the Pacific: Promoting and Protecting Sustainable Development](#)

A new way of thinking for government officials to localize and harmonize regional and global commitments to human security and gender equality to build inclusive and sustainable development.

[See full calendar of events >](#)

## Recent publications

Alex Bellamy “[The Islamic State and the case for Responsibility to Protect](#),” blog post for the Canadian International Council.

Alex Bellamy “[A chronic protection problem: the DPRK and the Responsibility to Protect](#),” *International Affairs*, Vol. 91, No.2 (2015).

Tim Dunne & Katherine Gelber “Argumentation and the Responsibility to Protect: The case of Libya” in Kurt Mills & David Karp eds. [Human Rights](#)



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[Protection in Global Politics: Responsibilities of States and Non-State Actors](#) (Basingtoke: Palgrave Macmillian, 2015).

Phil Orchard “Refugees and internally displaced persons” in Roger Mac Ginty & Jenny Peterson eds. [The Routledge Companion to Humanitarian Action](#) (Oxon: Routledge, 2015)

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