

APR2P Update: May - August 2015



Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

A southern hemisphere spring clean is in order for the Asia Pacific Centre for R2P, with plans to relocate to new and improved premises within The University of Queensland and to unveil a new website before the year is out.

The work of advancing implementation of R2P continued with the Cambodian a public seminar of the Report of the High-Level Advisory Panel on the Responsibility to Protect in Southeast

Asia [Mainstreaming R2P in Southeast Asia](#): A Pathway to a Caring ASEAN Community in Phnom Penh. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, HLAP Chair and former ASEAN Secretary General was the guest of honour and speaker in the seminar, which was co-organized by the Cambodia Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP). The Centre plans to host similar public awareness raising and outreach events in Kuala Lumpur and Manila in the near future.

In June, APR2P hosted a delegation of 26 Australia Award Fellows from Cambodia, Indonesia and The Philippines, who visited Brisbane to discuss the concrete steps needed to create a culture of prevention of violence against women in the ASEAN region.

Centre hosts 26 Cambodian, Philippines and Indonesian delegates for intensive training and dialogue



From 2-16 June, the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect hosted 26 delegates from Cambodia, the Philippines and Indonesia for the 'Toward a Culture of Prevention: Advancing Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN' Australia Awards fellowship – an intensive two-weeks of training and dialogue.

Although ASEAN member states have endorsed multiple commitments to prevent violence against women, ASEAN has yet to adopt specific measures to implement Women, Peace and Security (WPS) into its political-security policy framework.

Through this Australia Award Fellowship, the Centre has strengthened understanding of the unique threats that sometimes confront women, the costs of excluding women from political and security structures amongst ASEAN member states, and the need to ensure the economic, political and social empowerment of women in conflict and post-conflict settings. The fellowship provided an important opportunity to progress policy action to foster a culture of prevention of violence against women and women's rights protection in ASEAN.

The Centre thanks the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia for its support, and thanks the Awards fellows for sharing their considerable expertise and passion for advancing women's peace and security in Southeast Asia.



Our [latest Spotlight on R2P](#) includes more details about the content of the Australia Awards fellowship training program.

A second Australian Award Fellowship was conferred to Dr Ma. Lourdes Veneración Rallonza to conduct intensive research to develop policy proposals on strengthening ASEAN mechanisms for the protection of women

HLAP Report Public Seminars held in SE Asian capitals

Dr Surin Pitsuwan, HLAP Chair and former ASEAN Secretary General, was the guest of honour and speaker in the public seminar about the report on Mainstreaming R2P in Southeast Asia: Pathway to a Caring ASEAN Community.

The event was co-organized by the Cambodia Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP), and held in Phnom Penh on 12 August 2015. Some 60 local participants, including senior government officials and representatives from the diplomatic community, academe, think tanks, and civil society groups participated in the seminar. The HLAP report provides 13 recommendations to further the Responsibility to Protect at regional and national levels. The report has already been launched in [Bangkok and Jakarta](#), with similar public seminars planned for Kuala Lumpur in December, and Manila in 2016.



New Patrons and Advisory Board members announced

As the work of the APR2P Centre continues to develop into its 8th year, so too does the list of mentors who ensure our atrocity-prevention work remains current, relevant and influential in the Asia Pacific and beyond.

and girls. In the course of her 6-week fellowship, Dr Rallonza mapped current initiatives in Southeast Asia countries on women, peace and security (WPS), and provided concrete policy recommendations for regional mechanisms to enhance women's protection and participation in peacemaking, peacekeeping and peace-building activities. Dr Rallonza presented her research at the International Feminist Journal of Politics held in Brisbane in late June.

Ateneo de Manila University nominated Dr Ma. Lourdes Veneración-Rallonza for the Australia Awards Fellowships based on her expertise on Women, Peace and Security, and her role in advancing curriculum and training in this area. 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.



Feminist International Politics: 4th Annual Conference

Does gender make a difference to peace and security? The answer is a resonant 'yes'. Such was the conclusion from the 4th annual conference for the International Journal of Feminist Politics (IFJP), which welcomed 150 delegates from around the world to discuss the contribution of scholarship and activism in defending women's rights and the right to participate in peace and security in the region, and beyond.

From the 18-19 June 2015 the APR2P Centre partnered with Monash University and The University of Queensland to gather the brightest thinkers of feminist international politics.



You can explore the [full conference program](#) online or even respond to the [IFJP's call for research papers](#) on issues of gender, peace and security.

Learn more about our three [newest Patrons](#):

- Alberto Romulo, from The Philippines
- Makarim Wibisono, from Indonesia
- Kak-Soo Shin, from South Korea

Our [International Advisory Board](#) welcomes its 12 member:

- Lourdes Veneración Rallonza, from The Philippines



Signing MOU with Cambodian Institute for Peace and Cooperation

After 5 years of collaboration, the Asia Pacific Centre for R2P's Cambodian Country Program was formalized with the signing of an MOU with the Cambodian Institute for Peace and Cooperation. Since 2010, APR2P and CICP have co-hosted a Cambodian national workshop on atrocities prevention and numerous policy dialogues. In 2015 the collaboration produced a major conference in Phnom Penh, *The Responsibility to Protect at 10: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia Pacific*.

GR2P journal in top 40 for Politics and IR

The Global Responsibility to Protect journal has been recognised as [ranking in the top 40](#) of academic publications for 2014 by SJR Journal Rankings.

The journal seeks to publish the best and latest research on the R2P principle, its development as a new norm in global politics, its operationalisation through the work of governments, international and regional organisations and NGOs.

The keynote address was given by Ms Gaynel Curry, the Gender and Women's Rights Advisor for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in New York. This is the first time Australia has hosted the conference, with keynote guests the Hon. Shannon Fentiman, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Queensland Government, and Capt. Jennifer Wittwer, Director National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security, of the Australian Defense Force included among the speakers.

The conference was a great success, with attendees from across the world discussing topics from indigenous issues, political economy, and environment, and including a panel of young feminist leaders.



 **Research in Profile: Dr Phil Orchard on his new book 'A Right to Flee'**
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A Right to Flee

Watch a video of APR2P Research Director Dr Phil Orchard discussing his latest book, [A Right to Flee: Refugees, States, and the Construction of International Cooperation](#), published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. In this most recent episode of the UQ School of Politics and International Studies, Dr Orchard is interviewed by Dr Sebastian Kaempf.

Vietnamese Bahasa Indonesia Khmer Mandarin



R2P in Translation

The Centre has continued its work of translating key documents into Asia Pacific languages.

Various training and briefing documents are available in Vietnamese, Bahasa Indonesia, Khmer, and Mandarin.

You can explore all our [newly commissioned translations](#) on our website.

Ideas for possible new resources are welcome, and should be forwarded to APR2P Deputy Director [Sarah Teitt](#).

Recent Activities

Upcoming events listed in 2015 [calendar of events](#) >

GR2P is edited by a team of researchers from the Asia Pacific Centre for R2P: Alex J. Bellamy, Sara E. Davies, and Luke Glanville.

Browse contents of [previous issues of the GR2P journal](#) on our website.

Join the 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) or Alex Bellamy (a.bellamy@uq.edu.au).

Farewell to Anna Nolan, welcome to new staff

Our valued colleague Anna Nolan has concluded her tenure as Centre Manager in the APR2P to focus her energies on family commitments. We thank Anna for her hard work, collegiality and dedication during her time with us. We welcomed our new Centre Manager, Mark Love, this July. Mark combines experience as a university administrator with a background in the anthropology of Pacific nations.



Welcome to our Semester 2 Interns

The Centre welcomes the latest batch of research interns who will be working under the supervision of the Centre's academic staff.

13 August: Public Research Seminar: Peacemaking and peacekeeping through the United Nations. Presented by Prof Alex Bellamy at the University of Melbourne

12 August: Public launch of the High-Level Advisory Panel Report on Mainstreaming R2P in Southeast Asia: Pathway Towards a Caring ASEAN Community, which was co-organized by the APR2P and the Cambodia Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP).

3 August: Public Research Seminar: 'Robust stabilisation and civilian protection: Transformations in UN peace operations'. Presented by Dr Charles Hunt at the Griffith Security Studies Network (GS2N)

31 July: Public Research Seminar given by Professor Alex Bellamy, "The Other Asian Miracle? Explaining the decline of Mass Atrocities in east Asia". Professor Bellamy discussed why there are now fewer cases of genocide and mass atrocities in East Asia than at any other point in history for which we have reliable records, and what this may mean for the future.

13 July: Roundtable discussion on massacre in Srebrenica, 20 years on. A film and panel discussion to mark the 20th anniversary of the July 1995 mass murder of more than 8,000 Bosniaks.

18-19 June: Co-organised International Feminist Journal of Politics (IFJP) 4th Annual Conference

2-16 June: Hosted 26 delegates from Cambodia, the Philippines and Indonesia for Australian Awards training fellowship 'Toward a Culture of Prevention: Advancing Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN'

11 May-26 June: Hosted Dr. Lourdes Veneración Rallonza for Australia Awards research fellowship 'Women, Peace and Security: Mapping Regional Initiatives and Institutional Mechanisms in ASEAN'

28 May: Public Seminar: Global Policy for Internally Displaced Persons IDPs: A Parallel Process? Presented by Dr Phil Orchard at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

24-27 May: Dr. Noel Morada and Dr. Sarah Teitt participated in a Regional Consultation on Civil Society's Inputs to the ASEAN Vision 2025, facilitated by Human Rights Working Group in Jakarta, Indonesia.

27 May: Public Seminar: Preventing election violence in Myanmar, presented by Dr Noel Morada

Recent Publications

The *Spotlight on R2P* series offers short-form pieces and reports, available for download from our website:

- [Toward a Culture of Prevention: Advancing Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN](#) - Issue 21, August 2015
- [Preventing Election Violence in Myanmar: Challenges and Prospects](#) - Issue 20, July 2015
- [Public Forum to commemorate Yom Ha Shoah. Never Again: The Holocaust and the Struggle to End Genocide](#) - Issue 19, April 2015

The most recent publications in the APR2P series of *R2P Ideas in Brief* include:

- [France and the Responsibility to Protect](#) Vol.5 No.4 (2015)
- [The UK and the Responsibility to Protect](#) Vol.5 No.3 (2015)
- [#R2Pat10: Reflections on the Responsibility to Protect at 10](#) Vol.5 No.2 (2015)

Donican Lam is looking at election violence in Myanmar with Dr. Noel Morada.

Sean Minehan is researching policies and international systems set up to deal with Internally Displaced People under the supervision of Dr. Phil Orchard.

Grace Phibbs is conducting research into implementation of R2P in East Asia, including the various peace processes in the region, and the extent to which they provide for the protection of populations. She is working under the supervision of Alex Bellamy.

Yulica Kanno will be supervised by Sarah Teitt and be working on how to promote and advance the doctrine of R2P in Northeast Asia.



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