

AP R2P Newsletter Sep-Dec 2014



Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

With preparations underway for the [R2P at 10 Conference](#) added to the usual activities here at the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (AP R2P), it seems the Centre is busier than ever. Before looking back over highlights from the past four months, we would like to thank you all for your continuing interest and support, and wish you very happy holidays over the Christmas – New Year break. The Centre will be closed from 24th December and will reopen again on 5th January 2015.

The last quarter of 2014 saw Centre staff working in the region and beyond. Centre Director [Alex Bellamy](#) served in the secretariat for the High Level Advisory Panel on the Responsibility to Protect in Southeast Asia, which resulted in a report and recommendations launched at the United Nations in New York this September. The recommendations identify measures to further the Responsibility to Protect in Southeast Asia and steps towards strengthening ASEAN member states' partnership with the UN in this area. Explore [the report](#) and read Professor Bellamy's [Remarks to the United Nations General Assembly](#) on International Assistance and the Responsibility to Protect.

Join the conversation about R2P

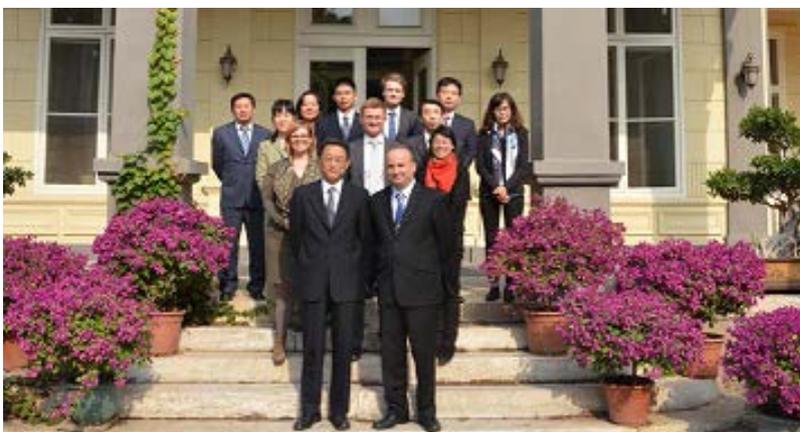
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Welcome to AP R2P Visitors



The High Level Advisory Panel (HLAP) co-hosted a Launch of their 'Report on Mainstreaming the Responsibility to Protect in Southeast Asia: A Pathway Toward a Caring ASEAN Community' with the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect, and with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia on 9 September 2014, held in New York at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium at the UN. This event was followed on 30 October 2014 with a Public Seminar on the HLAP Report, the first to be held in Southeast Asia and was conducted in Thai. Some 70 participants took part in the seminar, including representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the military, police, academe and the media in Thailand. The public seminar was co-organized by the AP R2P Centre in cooperation with the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, with the help of our Centre's country program coordinator, Dr. Pranee Thiparat. The welcome remarks were delivered by Dr. Noel Morada on behalf of the Centre.

Another important first for the AP R2P Centre was the First Annual Dialogue with the Chinese Institute of International Studies (CIIS), the think tank of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On 28 October, CIIS hosted Centre Director Alex Bellamy, Deputy Director Sarah Teitt and a representative from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Beijing for a dialogue on Pillar 2: International Assistance. The visit included the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to set up an annual dialogue co-hosted by CIIS and APR2P, which will focus each year on the theme of the UN Secretary-General's annual report on R2P and issues of mutual concern to China and Australia for implementing R2P. Read more about the [ongoing relationship between AP R2P and CIIS](#).



[Prof Jason Ralph](#) of Leeds University will be based in the APR2P Centre for 12 months. Jason is working on a project called 'Moral Progress and Political Limits. Liberal responsibilities in an age of shifting international power balances'. Funded by the European Commission Framework 7 Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship scheme, this is a two-year project aimed at understanding how the international responsibilities of liberal states are constructed in an age of shifting power balances.

[Dr Liu Tiewa](#) has extended her visiting fellowship until May 2015, and is currently editing a special issue of the *Global Responsibility to Protect* journal, which will feature contributions from several Chinese scholars. This issue is co-edited with Sarah Teitt, and will be available in the second half of 2015.

More about our new Research Director

[Dr Phil Orchard](#) is a Senior Lecturer in International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies with the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland. He is an expert in international efforts to provide institutional and legal forms of protection to civilians and forced migrants. He was recently awarded an ARC Discovery Grant to advance knowledge on regime-induced displacement. Dr Orchard's latest book publications include *A Right to Flee: Refugees, States, and the Construction of International Cooperation* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), and a co-edited book with Alexander Betts, entitled *Implementation in World Politics: How Norms Change Practice* (Oxford University Press, 2014).

Welcome to our Summer Interns

The Centre is very happy to be hosting six Interns over the Summer, including two Rotary Peace Fellows Nelson Vieira and Devin Biviano, who

The AP R2P Centre's long-term interest in peer-to-peer learning prompted a two-day research workshop focused on norm promotion and capacity building in human rights, mass atrocities prevention, and civilian protection in the context of Southeast Asian and African regionalism and community building. The Southeast Asia-Africa Dialogue on Regionalism, Norms Promotion, and Capacity Building for Human Protection was led by Dr Noel Morada and Dr Charles Hunt in Bangkok, Thailand, 29-30 October 2014.



The Centre continued its series of workshops on the Role of Parliament in Mass Atrocities Prevention with a seminar on 12-13 December 2014, co-hosted by the Centre with the Human Rights Working Group Indonesia (HRWG) and the Association of Parliament Expert Staff (ATAP), held at Aryaduta Hotel, Tangerang, West Jakarta. The workshop was a follow-up activity from the Bogor seminar in June 2014, where some concrete ideas were presented by some 31 parliament staff on how to mainstream R2P and mass atrocities prevention in the legislative agenda of the Indonesian parliament. Civil society speakers and human rights representatives were also invited to present updates on the situation in Poso and Papua. Dr. Noel Morada presented an introductory lecture on R2P and entertained questions from participants.

In other news, [Dr Phil Orchard](#) has been appointed AP R2P Research Director. Dr Orchard has been with us since 2014 as Program Leader and Senior Researcher on the Doctrine, Concepts and Inter-Agency Coordination Program. His new position will see him expand his leadership into the areas of research performance, mentoring, monitoring and strategy.

Conference: Reviewing progress, challenges and opportunities for R2P in the Asia Pacific

The Centre is co-hosting a major [Conference on R2P at 10](#) from 26-27 February 2015 at Sofitel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the unanimous adoption of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) at the UN World Summit in 2005. The Conference aims to promote fresh thinking and dialogue about the progress made thus far in translating R2P from 'words to deeds', the challenges that have been confronted, especially in the Asia Pacific region, and the opportunities that lie ahead to facilitate efforts to make the R2P principle a 'lived reality' both in the region and globally. As such, the Conference plans to combine dialogue about how far R2P has come with detailed consideration of how the principle's three pillars can continue to be embedded into state practice and into the work of regional

have chosen to do their Masters in International Studies Applied Field Experience with the Centre. Our four undergraduate interns are all members of the R2P Student Coalition steering Committee, including Molly Frankham (President), James Turner (Secretary), Grace Phibbs (Treasurer) and Amelia Nolan (Education Officer).

For their internships all 6 students will be conducting independent research and assisting the Centre with organisational and communications tasks. The four R2PSC interns, along with R2PSC Vice-President Myrella-Jane Byron and former R2PSC President Dominique Fraser were successfully awarded UQ Advantage Grants, along with a bursary from the School of Political Science and International Studies and the APR2P Centre, which will financially support their participation in the R2P at 10 Conference in Phnom Penh, Cambodia 26-27 February 2015, where they will assist the Centre with Conference administration. Rotary Peace Fellow Devin Biviano will also be attending the Conference and assisting with recording and documenting outcomes of the Conference. We are delighted to be encouraging their participation at this major international R2P event.

Student essay competition to attend R2P at 10 Conference

How can supporters best promote the principle of Responsibility to Protect in Asia over the next 10 years, particularly in the campaign to prevent sexual violence in conflict?

The British High Commission in Canberra is sponsoring an essay competition for a scholarship for one student to attend the 'Responsibility to Protect at 10 in the Asia-Pacific' conference in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 26-27 February 2015. The sponsorship covers travel, accommodation and living costs for both a pre-conference trip to Canberra and the conference itself.

and sub-regional organizations, working in partnership with each other and the United Nations.

This conference is an initiative of the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect in partnership with the Centre for International Cooperation and Peace (Cambodia), the Stanley Foundation and the International Coalition on the Responsibility to Protect.

It will include plenary keynote speeches by leaders from the UN and the region, and roundtable sessions focused on a range of specific policy questions. Invited participants will include UN and governmental leaders, R2P Focal Points, diplomats and officials from the Asia Pacific region, eminent experts on R2P, and prominent civil society representatives. The opening address will be given by Cambodian Prime Minister, Hun Sen.

R2P at the International Studies Association Conference in New Orleans, February 2015

[Dr. Phil Orchard](#) and [Prof. Jason Ralph](#) (University of Leeds) will lead an International Studies Association-funded workshop on 'the Responsibility to Protect at Ten: Consolidation and Contestation. The workshop will use the 10th anniversary of the global acceptance of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) doctrine in the World Summit Outcome document to examine how it remains contested, how it interacts with other norms, and how contestation relates to shifting international power balances. The workshop will bring together a range of junior and senior academics based across the globe to consider these issues and the workshop will make several important contributions to IR scholarship. At a theoretical level, workshop will highlight how the R2P doctrine raises broader questions for the constructivist approach around the process of norm emergence and contestation and how norms are accepted at the domestic level. At a practical level, the workshop will examine how material power shifts at the global level has altered perceptions of the R2P doctrine, including through current proposals such as *Brazil's Responsibility While Protecting* initiative, and *China's Responsible Protection* initiative.



The winner of the essay competition will be announced shortly.

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R2P in Translation

The Centre has continued its work of translating key documents into Asia Pacific languages. The latest addition to this ongoing library of resources is the Mandarin version of the [Toolkit on the Responsibility to Protect](#). The Centre has also produced translations of this document in Bahasa Indonesia and Khmer. For links to all translations on our website, [click here](#).

Ideas for possible new resources are welcome, and should be forwarded to AP R2P Deputy Director [Sarah Teitt](#)



R2P in just a few words

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

- [First Annual Dialogue between Chinese Institute of International Studies and the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect](#) - Issue 16, November 2014
- [Translation of ICRtoP Toolkit into Asian Languages](#) - Issue 15, November 2014
- [The Sixth UN General Assembly Dialogue on R2P](#) - Issue 14, October 2014
- [Promoting the Responsibility to Protect in ASEAN: What Role for Cambodia](#) - Issue 13, September 2014
- [Promoting the Responsibility to Protect ASEAN and the Prevention of Violence Against Women](#) - Issue 12, August 2014

The most recent publications in the AP R2P series of [R2P Ideas in Brief](#) include:

- [China and the International Humanitarian Order](#) by Sarah Teitt
- [The United States' Record on Atrocity Prevention. A Model in the Making?](#) by Jocelyn Vaughn

For a selection of staff's op-eds and recent contributions to public debate about atrocity prevention see:

- Myanmar's Controversial Census, Discriminatory Laws Further Stoke Atrocity Fears – [ICRtoP blog](#)
- Credit to Australia as Security Council Makes UN Policing a Priority – [The Conversation](#)

- Women's Empowerment and Atrocities Prevention – [E-International Relations](#)
- To Build Regional Community, Southeast Asian Leaders Advocate for Responsibility to Protect - [International Peace Institute Global Observatory](#)

For a full listing of all the Centre's publications, policy briefings, speeches, interviews and news items, please visit the Centres' [Publications](#), [Spotlight on R2P](#) and [In the Media](#) webpages

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