



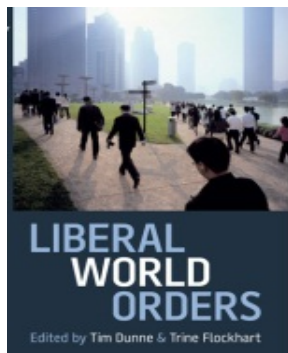
Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Welcome to the Centre's newsletter! We hope you enjoy reading through our activities, events and other news.

Publications

We are very pleased to announce the publication of:

[R2P and Women, Peace and Security \(WPS\): Aligning the Agendas](#), a book edited by [Sara Davies](#), Eli Stamnes, Zim Nwokora and [Sarah Teitt](#). This timely volume underscores that widespread or systematic sexual or gender-based violence is a war crime, a crime against humanity and an act of genocide, all of which are clearly addressed in the R2P principle. The protection of those at risk of widespread sexual violence is therefore not only relative to the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, but a fundamental sovereign obligation for all states as part of their commitment to R2P. The volume includes contributions from policy-makers and academics that consider both the merits and the utility of aligning the protection agendas of R2P and WPS. Ultimately, a number of actionable recommendations are made concerning a unification of the agendas to best support the global empowerment of women and prevention of mass atrocities.



[Liberal World Orders](#), a book edited by [Tim Dunne](#) and Trine Flockhart, published by Oxford University Press. The volume includes chapters by [Tim Dunne](#) on '[Internationalism and Interventionism](#)' and [Heather Rae](#) on '[Dark Days, Dark Palaces: The Problem of Liberal Ordering](#)'. The edited collection also contains contributions from [Richard Devetak](#) and [Chris Reus-Smit](#) both senior academics in the [School of Political Science and International Studies \(POLSIS\)](#).

Forthcoming Events

[The Syria Crisis: What Next?](#)
[Annual Lecture in Politics & International Affairs](#)

Congratulations

The Centre extends its [congratulations](#) to [Professor Jennifer Welsh](#) on becoming the UN Secretary General's Special Advisor on R2P. [Professor Welsh](#) is well known to the Centre. She is an Honorary Fellow and was a recipient of an R2P Fund Award for a research project on '[The Responsibility to Prevent: Developing Ad-Hoc and Systemic Strategies](#)'.

Visitors

Welcome to Chris Barstow and Maja Spanu.

[Chris](#) is undertaking a research project under the [Regional Diplomacy & Capacity Building Program](#), led by [Noel Morada](#). Chris' research project will analyse and compare the

[ASEAN Policy Brief on the UNSG's report on R2P](#), a policy brief by [Noel Morada](#) that provides an overview of the 2013 UN Secretary General's (UNSG) report on the Responsibility to Protect: State Responsibility and Prevention. This policy brief highlights the relevance of the UNSG report to ASEAN member states, highlights ongoing or past initiatives to bolster state responsibility for atrocity crimes in Southeast Asia, and encourages ASEAN member states to participate in the 11 September General Assembly informal interactive dialogue on the UNSG Report.

approach of two such regional organisations, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), towards ethnic conflict within the context of R2P.

[UN Peace Operations and 'All Necessary Means'](#), a policy brief by [Charles Hunt](#) on the risks and challenges associated with robust enforcement mandates in new UN peace operations in Mali and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The brief includes a number of policy recommendations for members of the UN Security Council to calibrate their expectations, monitor mission progress and direct the peacekeeping apparatus carefully to mitigate risk and prevent worst-case scenarios.

Maja is a PhD student visiting the Centre from the European University Institute (EUI). Maja's thesis investigates how norms of self-determination have changed over the 20th century shaping international conceptions about legitimate statehood. More precisely, her research is concerned with how these norms relate to the politics of formation and treatment of domestic populations of new states emerging from the violent break-up of empires following World War I in Eastern Europe, post-World War II decolonisation in former British and French African colonies, and the break-up of Yugoslavia.

[Realising Commitments to Women, Peace and Security in Southeast Asia](#), a policy brief by [Sarah Teitt](#) and [Sara Davies](#) that demonstrates that despite ASEAN's recent rhetorical commitment to WPS in the UN Security Council, the organisation has yet to meaningfully engage with the WPS agenda. The brief highlights a number of ways that ASEAN and its member states can give practical effect to its WPS commitment by acknowledging the impact of armed conflict on women and girls and taking steps to guarantee their protection and full participation in regional peace and security matters.

The above are only a small selection of outputs. For all Centre publications and recent policy briefs please visit the Centre's [Publications](#) and [In the Media](#) pages.

R2P Student Ambassador Program

The Centre is also pleased to announce that, in conjunction with the [Student Coalition for R2P](#), we have reinstated the [R2P Student Ambassador Program](#).

In addition to publications and policy briefs [Tim Dunne](#) has been actively [blogging](#) and responding to interview requests on the current situation in Syria, you can listen to these interviews on our [In the Media](#) page. The Centre will be hosting a Panel Discussion on 16 September on '[The Syria Crisis: What next?](#)'. This will no doubt be an interesting event with some lively discussion. Please RSVP your attendance to r2pinfo@uq.edu.au.

Students enrolled in this two-semester program undertake a research internship with the Centre for one semester, then lead two educational events (one on-campus activity for the UQ community, one off-campus activity geared at the broader public) the following semester to share their research findings. Harriet Smith is presently undertaking research under this program. The Centre looks forward to working with the [Student Coalition for R2P](#) in further building the Ambassador program.

Event Highlights



relationship between international theory and R2P. [Podcast](#)

On 16 May 2013, the Centre hosted a public seminar on 'Theoretical Interventions on R2P' with presentations from leading researchers associated with AP R2P—[Christian Reus-Smit](#), [Richard Devetak](#), Bruce Jentleson, and [Luke Glanville](#)—who discussed their recent research that considers the

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On 3 June 2013, [Tim Dunne](#) collaborated with [Louise Riis Andersen](#) at the [Danish Institute of International Studies \(DIIS\)](#) to produce a 'DIIS Comment' paper '[In Defence of Liberal Intervention](#)'.

From 17-19 June 2013, [Noel Morada](#) and [Sarah Teitt](#) participated in conferences on atrocities prevention in Istanbul, Turkey. The Nexus Fund conference, entitled 'The Way Forward: Emerging Powers and Mass Atrocities Prevention' focused on how non-state actors and civil society groups could engage with emerging powers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. As a member of the Program Advisory Committee (PAC), [Noel Morada](#) helped design the conference agenda and served as a discussant and panel chair in various sessions of the meeting. [Sarah Teitt](#) participated in a panel of experts and helped lead a workshop on China's policy on atrocities prevention. Directly following the Nexus Fund conference, [Noel Morada](#) and [Sarah Teitt](#) participated in a one-day global conference for civil society practitioners on R2P hosted by the [International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect \(ICRtoP\)](#).

On 27 June 2013, the Centre hosted a seminar on 'Mass Violence, Intervention, and Gender' by Professor Henry Theriault from Worcester University in Massachusetts.

In June the Centre hosted, [Faith Mabera](#), a graduate student from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. The visit was to support research on R2P as part of a deepening partnership between the two institutions.

On 16 August 2013 the Centre co-hosted a public seminar on: Women, Peace and Security Academic Collective (WPSAC) organized by [Sara Davies](#), [Sarah Teitt](#) and [Nicole George \(POLSI\)](#). The event was held to draw critical attention to Australia's responsibilities toward women refugees and asylum seekers in the lead up to Australia's role as President of the Security Council for the month of September. [Podcast](#).



From 19 August to 20 September, [POLSI](#) in association with the Centre are delivering a five week professional program on [International Diplomacy for African diplomats](#). The course leader is [Tim Dunne](#) and course coordinator is [Charles Hunt](#).

View our [events calendar](#) for forthcoming events. Of particular note is the upcoming lecture by [Senator Robert Hill AC](#) on [Global Governance: So difficult but so important](#) on 9 October 2013. This event is organized by [POLSI](#) and [AP R2P](#).

Internships Semester 2, 2013

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The Centre is pleased to welcome Alyssa Cowie, Lindsay Collins, Harriett Smith, Reid Hutchins, Christine Bennetts and Rhiannon Nielsen who are undertaking internships at the Centre during Semester 2.

Alyssa, Lindsay, Harriett and Rhiannon are part of [Sarah Teitt's](#) newly formed WPS working group (under the [Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities Program](#)) that focuses on documenting and analysing the evolution of WPS CSO networks and policy commitments in the Philippines, Indonesia and Myanmar, respectively.

Christine, also working with [Sarah Teitt](#), will be analysing the dilemmas surrounding arming opposition groups in conflicts where high-level of state-sponsored violence has been responsible for war crimes/crimes against humanity.

Reid is working with [Noel Morada \(Regional Diplomacy & Capacity Building Program\)](#) on monitoring of responses in Southeast Asia on the Rohingya and Buddhist-Muslim ethnic tension in Burma/Myanmar since the outbreak of the Rohingya crisis in June 2012.

Internship applications for Semester 2, 2013 have now closed. Opportunities for [Semester 1, 2014](#) will open up in December, be sure to keep an eye on the website for further details.

As always we appreciate your feedback about the newsletter and input on what you would like to see included. Please contact [Marie Hobman](#), m.hobman@uq.edu.au with your suggestions.

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