



## AP R2P

Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Welcome to the Centre's newsletter! As 2013 draws to a close, Centre staff can look back on an active year in which our DAPT agenda – discovery, advocacy, policy, training – was progressed in each dimension. We hope you enjoy reading through our activities, events, and output highlights, for the last quarter. Finally, before going any further, we would like to thank you all for your on-going support and wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

### Publications

We are very pleased to announce several new publications:

A new Special Issue of [Global Responsibility to Protect Vol.5 No.4](#) (2013) on IR theory and R2P, including an article by Centre Research Director [Tim Dunne](#) on 'Distributing Duties and Counting Costs'. GR2P sets the standard for academic research on R2P and has recently received a 'B' ranking in the APSA review of journal rankings – an impressive achievement for a relatively new journal. The latest issue has essays by Amitav Archaya (current International Studies Association President), Chris Brown, Neta Crawford and Jennifer M. Welsh. The journal continues to be edited by senior Centre researchers Sara Davies, Alex Bellamy and Luke Glanville.

[Tim Dunne and Faith Maberera on 'South Africa and R2P'](#). This is the first in a series of policy briefings which the Centre plans to publish in the coming months focusing on several emerging and major powers, and their orientation to R2P, including Russia, the United States, as well as Asian members of the BRICS grouping India and China. Of all the BRICs, it would be logical to assume that South Africa will be the most R2P-friendly, given the prominence of human rights in its struggle to build a post-Apartheid society. This first briefing traces

### Congratulations

Congratulations to [Dr Sara Davies](#), Program Director of the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities Program at AP R2P, and Senior Research Fellow at Griffith University. Sara was recently awarded two Australia Research Council (ARC) Awards: first, an ARC Discovery Project grant titled 'Preventing Mass Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Conflict and Non-Conflict Affected Countries', for which Sara is a Chief Investigator along with Prof. Jacqui True (Monash University); and second, an ARC Future Fellowship Award on the topic 'Security and Health Diplomacy: A Necessary Partnership?'

The Centre would also like to congratulate Centre researcher Dr Jess Gifkins on the award of her PhD. Her thesis 'Inside the UN Security Council: the Influence of

South Africa's position on R2P and shows how its support for the doctrine is much more qualified than this initial assumption implies.

In the period after the chemical weapons attacks on Damascus on 21 August, the Centre was intensively active as the media spotlight turned to the question of intervention. A detailed briefing on the matter was written by [Tim Dunne and Alex Bellamy: Syria Brief](#) exploring the complex interplay between the situation on the ground in Syria and the normative context that has informed – and continues to inform – the responses of key institutions and actors. Tim was invited to DFAT in early September to present the briefing.

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

## Event Highlights



[The Syria Crisis](#) was also the topic of a Panel Discussion hosted by the Centre in association with the School of Political Science and International Studies (POLSI) on 16 September 2013. Speakers on the panel included [Alex Bellamy](#), [Anne Brown](#), [Phil Orchard](#) and [Sarah Teitt](#). A [podcast](#) of this and

other events below are available.

On 9 October 2013, Professor the Honourable Robert Hill AC delivered the [Annual Lecture in Politics & International Affairs](#), jointly hosted by POLSI and the Asia Pacific Centre for R2P. Speaking on the topic 'Global Governance: so difficult but so important', Professor Hill highlighted the need for international action on the environment, peace and security and the global economy (see [podcast](#)).



On 6 November 2013, the Centre hosted Professor the Honourable Gareth Evans AC QC who delivered a Public Lecture on ['Mass Atrocities After Syria: the Future of the](#)

the Social Environment on Decision Making' was supervised by Prof. Alex Bellamy and Dr Phil Orchard.

Congratulations also to Dr [Phil Orchard](#) for winning the Teaching Excellence Award in the SBS Faculty Teaching & Learning Awards. It is terrific recognition for his teaching innovation and commitment, and further evidence of the high quality teaching that is found in the School of Political Science and International Studies.

Finally, the Centre also warmly congratulates the [R2P Student Coalition which was awarded Club of the Year](#) in the Social Justice category at the University of Queensland Union Clubs and Societies Awards Night in October 2013.



The prize recognised the array and high quality of R2P Student Coalition events, their professional newsletters, website and advocacy campaign, and their high profile on campus and active engagement with experts in the R2P field.

## Connect

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## Partners



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[Responsibility to Protect](#)'. Professor Evans (pictured below centre with staff from AP R2P, POLSIS and Griffith University) reviewed the origins, development and future of R2P in light of the paralysis of the UN Security Council over the crisis in Syria, arguing that R2P remains a vital framework for avoiding mass atrocities.

Foreign Affairs and Trade



The Centre values its partnership with colleagues at the Human Protection Hub, Griffith Asia Institute

The Centre also hosted several research seminars:

- 'All-female formed police units (FFPUs) in UN Peacekeeping' presented by Dr Lesley Pruitt (University of Melbourne) on 5 September 2013
- 'Where are the Women in International Mediation? Gender, Power & Peace Negotiations' presented by A/Prof Karin Aggestam (Lund University, Sweden)
- 'The Responsibility to Protect and the Protection of Conflict Induced Internally Displaced Persons: Gender and Global Norms' presented by Dr Lucy Hall (University of NSW).

In addition, the Centre hosted a Workshop on 'Civilian Protection in Peace Support Operations in Africa: Lessons for Implementing R2P' on 26 September 2013. The special guest for this workshop was Walter Lotze, Visiting Fellow at the Berlin-based Centre for International Peace Operations and former advisor to the Head of the Peace Support Operations Division at the African Union Commission.

In October 2013, [Sara Davies](#) presented a paper (co-authored with Jacqui True, Monash University), 'Preventing Conflict Related Sexual and Gender Based Violence with Early Warning Analysis', at the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Forum in Bangkok, co-hosted by Medical Research Council, South Africa and Partners for Prevention. The SVRI Forum 2013, its third biannual conference, was organised around five themes:

- Addressing sexual and intimate partner violence in low-and-middle-income countries
- Child abuse and neglect
- HIV and sexual violence
- Trafficking for sexual exploitation

- Sexual and other forms of gender-based violence in conflict and crisis

The presentation by Sara and Jacqui was in a parallel session on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-conflict settings. Further information on SVRI can be found [here](#); Sara and Jacqui's presentation can be downloaded [here](#).

## Training Highlights

Centre staff and Research Fellows have continued to provide training in the Africa Regional Diplomacy program with funding support from the Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. On 4-16 November 2013, [Charles Hunt](#) and [Noel M. Morada](#) facilitated a two-week Advanced Alumni Diplomats Training at Crowne Plaza Nairobi Hotel in Kenya, in partnership with the Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya and UniQuest. Some 21 mid-career diplomats from various East African states (Burundi, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, and Tanzania) participated in the training. The Australian High Commissioner in Kenya, H. E. Geoff Tooth, delivered a special message for participants during the closing ceremony at the end of the two-week training.

From 18-29 November 2013, Charles Hunt and [Anne Brown](#) facilitated another two-week Advanced Alumni Diplomats Training in Accra, Ghana, in partnership with the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre and Uniquest. Participants were mid-career diplomats from Mali, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Niger, Cote d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Chad, Sao Tome and Principe, Togo, Congo, Gabon, Senegal, Benin and Djibouti, and Democratic Republic of Congo. This training focussed upon multilateralism and the role of diplomats, international and regional organisations, conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, including a focus on the women, peace and security agenda.

## Opportunities

The Centre offers students and young professionals an exciting opportunity to gain invaluable work and research experience in the field of genocide and mass atrocities prevention through internships and research higher degrees. The Centre is now accepting applications for [Internships during Semester 1](#). Applications will close on 31 January 2014. Please see our [website](#) for further details.

An intensive Masters course (POL 7218) on 'The Responsibility to Protect in Global Politics' will be offered in Semester 1, 2014, and will be limited to 12 places. For enrolment enquiries, please contact Marian Ophof, Student Enquiries Officer ([m.ophof@ug.edu.au](mailto:m.ophof@ug.edu.au)) at the School of POLitical Science and International Studies.

The Centre welcomes enquiries on scholarships available to support students from the Asia-Pacific to pursue PhD research in this field. For more information, see [Australia Award Scholarships](#).

Students interested in learning more about R2P and prevention of atrocities are also encouraged to get involved with the activities of the [R2P Student Coalition](#). As evident from their recent award (above) they organise an interesting range of events throughout the year, and have an active advocacy campaign.

As always we appreciate your feedback about the newsletter and input on what you would like to see included. Please contact [Anna Nolan](#) ([a.nolan@ug.edu.au](mailto:a.nolan@ug.edu.au)) with your suggestions.

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