

AP R2P Newsletter December 2012



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Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

New 3-year Funding for Research Programs

2012 was a significant year for the Centre with the end of the Centre's first 3-year funding and the successful award of a second term of funding from the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). AusAID and the University of Queensland (UQ) have invested a combined amount of \$4.26 million to maintain and enhance the Centre's research and outreach across three core programs running from July 2012-June 2015. These flagship research programs include: (1) Regional Diplomacy and Capacity Building on R2P, led by [Dr Noel Morada](#); (2) Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, including gender-based mass atrocities, led by [Dr Sara Davies](#); and (3) Doctrine, Concepts and Inter-Agency Coordination, led by [Professor Tim Dunne](#).

The Centre hosted a Panel Discussion & Reception on 2 October on Protecting Populations from Mass Atrocities. The panel, chaired by [Sarah Teitt](#), brought together the Centre's senior researchers, [Alex Bellamy](#), [Sara Davies](#), [Tim Dunne](#) and [Noel Morada](#). The discussion outlined how the Centre's 3 research programs will advance policy-relevant research over the next three years. The Centre's first [Spotlight on R2P](#) highlighting [Professor Tim Dunne's](#) talk from this event can be accessed on the Centre's [Homepage](#).

The Centre's work is strengthened by its partnership with colleagues at the [Human Protection Hub](#), Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University: [Alex Bellamy](#), [Sara Davies](#) and [Luke Glanville](#).

Publications

The Centre continues to produce short, crisp policy briefs on important issues of R2P concern. The most recent policy brief was written by [Noel Morada](#), titled [ASEAN, The Rohingyas and Myanmar's Responsibility to Protect](#). This is the ninth and last briefing for 2012.

[Click here to access the Centre's policy briefing series](#)

Event Highlights

The Centre has hosted and participated in numerous events over the past six months.

On 5 September [Alex Bellamy](#) contributed to the General Assembly interactive dialogue on R2P. The transcription of his comments can be accessed at:

<http://protectiongateway.com/2012/09/06/informal-interactive-dialogue-on-the-responsibility-to-protect-alex-bellamy-remarks/>

Congratulations

The Centre congratulates Stephen McLoughlin, Charles Hunt and Raymond Lau on the award of their PhD degree in 2012.

Stephen McLoughlin has accepted a post doctoral research position at the [Human Protection Hub](#), Griffith Asia Institute where he will be working with [Alex Bellamy](#) and [Sara Davies](#) on a project on Early Warning Framework for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities. [Read more on this research project](#)

[Charles Hunt](#) has accepted a 3 year position as Associate Lecturer in International Security. Apart from an on going contribution to the Centre Charlie will be lead trainer on various short courses for diplomacy.

Welcome

Heather Rae will be commencing with the Centre in January 2013 as Senior Researcher, welcome Heather!

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Partners



On 27 November, the Centre hosted a book launch for [Alex Bellamy's](#) latest book 'Massacres and Morality: Mass Atrocities in an Age of Civilian Immunity. Alex's book argues that although the world has made impressive progress in legislating against the intentional killing of civilians and in constructing institutions to give meaning to

that prohibition, the norm's history in practice suggests that the ascendancy of civilian immunity is both more recent and more fragile than might otherwise be thought.

On Thursday 25 October, [Sara Davies](#) from the Griffith Asia Institute's [Human Protection Hub](#) held a workshop in Canberra on Women, Peace and Security (WPS): opportunities for alignment with the Responsibility to Protect (R2P). [Click here to view the photo gallery and media releases.](#)

[Noel Morada](#) participated in a workshop on Responsibility while Protecting (RWP) on 23 August in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The meeting, which was organized by Fundacao Getulio Vargas (FGV), Stanley Foundation, and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (GCR2P), focused on the issues and policy implications of Brazil's Responsibility While Protecting initiative for the international consensus on R2P. Noel made a presentation in the session on "Prevention and Development" where he outlined the importance of linking R2P to states' development, particularly in the area of good governance, rule of law, and human development.

[Noel Morada](#) was one of the panelists in a two-day conference organized by the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria on 6-7 December in South Africa. The theme of the conference is "Article 4(h) @ 10: How to End Mass Atrocities in Africa?" Noel presented a paper on "Responsibility while Protecting (RwP): Challenges and Constraints in Implementing Pillar 3 of R2P and Implications for Article 4(h) of the African Union Constitutive Act." The meeting brought together scholars, legal and policy experts from Africa, the United States, and Australia to examine the current challenges and constraints in implementing Article 4(h). At the end of the meeting, a draft statement on the Pretoria Principles on Article 4(h) was discussed by participants with a goal of finalizing a set of principles that will serve as guidelines for the AU on its implementation.

These are only a small selection of the Centre's events and activities, please visit our events page to read all the Centre's events and activities for 2012.

Opportunities

The Centre is supporting a top-up scholarship for an incoming PhD candidate to conduct research on national, regional and international efforts to address widespread or systematic sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). The Centre welcomes projects that explore the linkage between the United Nations Women, Peace and Security agenda and the R2P principle. Priority areas include: evaluating the impact of Women, Peace and Security National Action Plans and United Nations-Government Comprehensive Strategies to Combat Sexual Violence on the risk and incidence of SGBV; innovations in data collection, monitoring and reporting on rape and other sexual violence in armed conflict and post-conflict situations; factors that affect a community's risk and resilience to mass SGBV; and the role of UN peacekeeping operations in the prevention of SGBV (including evaluation of the role of Women Protection Advisors and gender advisors). For more information on applying please follow the link below on the application process, please note applications must be submitted by February 14, 2013:

[PhD Priority Top-up Scholarships Scheme 2013](#)



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

From everyone at the Centre we would like to wish you a Happy holiday season & prosperous New Year!

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