

In 2012, the Centre has carried out a number of workshops in Australia, across the region and in Africa. New and ongoing research has produced numerous outputs. If you would like to contact the Centre about any of our programs, research, advocacy activities, policy briefs, or internship opportunities, please visit our website: [www.r2pasiapacific.org](http://www.r2pasiapacific.org) or email [r2pinfo@uq.edu.au](mailto:r2pinfo@uq.edu.au).

## Advocacy and Outreach

### Africa Regional Diplomacy Training

Since the beginning of 2012, the Centre has been involved in providing Africa Regional Diplomacy Training, where lectures on R2P are included in a three-week training program, carried out in various African countries. The Centre's Executive Director, Prof. Noel M. Morada, and other Centre and University of Queensland staff have been integral in providing these trainings:

- 20 February – 9 March, Accra, Ghana: In partnership with the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KA IPTC) where about 30 participants from Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Liberia took part.
- 16 April – 4 May, University of Queensland, Brisbane: About 30 participants from Francophone West African countries participated.



Attendees at the Training course at UQ, May 2012.



Participants at the Africa Regional Diplomacy Training, UQ.

- 30 April – 1 June: Jointly organized by the University of Pretoria and the University of Queensland with 14 participants.
- 4 – 22 June, Pretoria, South Africa: In partnership with the Department of Political Science, University of Pretoria. Some 32 participants from Francophone West African countries took part in the training.

## May 2012

### **Regional Conference on R2P, Bangkok, Thailand**

On 17-18 May, the Centre – in cooperation with the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and in partnership with Chulalongkorn University – hosted a two-day conference, ‘**Regional Capacity to Protect, Prevent and Respond: UN-Asia Pacific Strategy and Coordination**’ in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting brought together some 80 international and local participants from various sectors across the globe to discuss and debate on the principle of R2P and its implementation. The conference opened with a [message](#) from Australia’s Foreign Minister the Hon. Bob Carr, delivered by the Australian Ambassador to Thailand, HE Mr James Wise. The conference provided an opportunity for regional experts to discuss the role of emerging powers in response to the crises in Libya and Syria, and for Australian R2P Fund researchers to disseminate outcomes of their funded projects. For additional information, see [here](#) for the conference program and outcome document.



Participants at the Regional Conference on R2P in Bangkok, Thailand



### **Discussions with Dr Simon Adams, Executive Director of the Global Centre for R2P**

The Executive Director of the Global Centre for R2P, New York, visited the Asia Pacific Centre for R2P on 11 May. Dr Adams met with the Centre's staff and with the R2P Student Coalition during his visit. During these discussions, Dr Adams gave a briefing on developments related to Syria. He also provided an update on what the Global Centre's activities are and underscored the importance of strengthening the partnership and collaboration between the Global and Asia Pacific centres. In his meeting with the R2P Student Coalition, Dr Adams spoke with students about numerous R2P events and issues, including the U.S. Atrocities Prevention Board, and the KONY2012 campaign.

### **April 2012**

#### **Intensive Training Program for Philippine Government Representatives**

On 16-27 April, the Centre carried out an intensive short-term training module on the Responsibility to Protect and mass atrocities' prevention and response for Philippine government policy analysts. The program, funded by the Australian Leadership Awards Fellowship (AusAID), offered advanced training to assist participants to examine the implications of R2P on Philippines domestic and foreign policy. In particular, the participants gained skills and capacity to analyse: (1) the scope and application of R2P; (2) structural risk factors and proximate triggers for mass atrocities; and (3) the intersection of national, regional and global efforts to avert mass atrocities. While in Australia, the participants also visited Canberra, where they attended a meeting with AusAID humanitarian action staff and Ms Deborah Stokes, the Australian R2P National Focal Point at DFAT. For more information on the program, please contact the Centre's Outreach Director, Sarah Teitt ([s.teitt@ug.edu.au](mailto:s.teitt@ug.edu.au)). For the full program, please [click here](#).





Attendees at the National Workshop in Hanoi , Vietnam

### **National Workshop in Vietnam**

As part of a strategic plan by the Centre to establish a country program in Vietnam on R2P, on 6 April the Centre, in collaboration with the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam organised a national workshop on ‘The Responsibility to Protect and the Role of the United Nations and Regional Organisations’.

The workshop, the first of its kind in Vietnam, was supported by the R2P Centre. Around 60 participants, including government officials, scholars, members of local non-government organisations, representatives from some UN agencies as well as Prof. Noel Morada, the Centre’s Executive Director, and Hai Hong Nguyen, a PhD candidate at the R2P Centre attended the workshop. Prof. Morada also presented two public lectures to students at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (9 April) and at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities (10 April).

### **March 2012**

#### **R2P Training Workshop for Muslim Women Human Rights Trainers, the Philippines**

The Centre supported the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID) with the delivery of a one-day R2P training workshop on 31 March for Muslim women human rights trainers in Mindanao, which was conducted by Dr Maria Lourdes Veneracion-Rallonza, the co-coordinator of the Centre’s Philippines country program. The Centre has supported PCID in conducting training workshops since 2011, which has increased the number of community-level training on R2P in the Philippines, particularly for Muslim religious leaders in Mindanao. For more information about the Philippines country program, please contact Prof. Noel M. Morada ([n.morada@uq.edu.au](mailto:n.morada@uq.edu.au)).



## **February 2012**

### **R2P National Focal Points Workshop, New York**

Prof. Noel M. Morada participated in the preparatory workshop on R2P National Focal Points on 25-26 February in Tarrytown, New York, organised by the Global Centre for R2P and the Stanley Foundation. These discussions will serve as inputs to the R2P National Focal Points meeting that will be held in New York in September this year.

## **January 2012**

### **R2P: The Next Decade – Stanley Foundation, New York**

Prof. Morada made a presentation on the Centre's country programs on the panel on 'Bringing Responsibility Home: Domestic Implementation of R2P' at a one-day conference, 'R2P: The Next Decade'. Organised by the Stanley Foundation, the conference was held in New York on 18 January on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Responsibility to Protect report by the International Commission on State Sovereignty and Intervention (ICISS).

### **R2P Student Coalition Events**

Since the beginning of 2012, the R2P Student Coalition has held a variety of events. These have included a Careers Information event on 21 March, where Melanie Moore, a former intern at the International Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), and Daryl Morini, who interned with NATO, provided advice to other students. Also in March, the Coalition organised a Security Council Simulation on the situation in South Kordofan, in which students debated a wide range of issues concerning the welfare and protection of civilians in that region. In June, the R2P Student Coalition co-convened a Debate on 'the Question of Morality and Legality in Warfare', at which UQ staff and students competed, including the Coalition's own Ben Taylor. The Student Coalition also ran a number of social events throughout the semester, including a trivia night and film screenings. To get involved with the R2P Student Coalition, please visit their website: [www.r2pstudentcoalition.com](http://www.r2pstudentcoalition.com).

## **Research & Policy**



The Centre is committed to producing high-quality and policy-relevant research. We aim to ensure that outputs from our research influence policy deliberation and public debate. By serving as an academic and policy resource, the Centre



provides information not only to researchers in the academy but also to governments in the region, international institutions and NGOs in the global humanitarian order. In addition to our on-going research reports, the Centre continues to produce the 'R2P Ideas in Brief' policy series which began in 2011, designed to disseminate the Centre's research on important topics in a shorter, more accessible format.

### Recent Centre Reports and Briefings

Charles Hawksley and Nichole Georgeou, '[Pillar II in Practice: Police Capacity-Building in Oceania](#),' *R2P Ideas in Brief 2*, no.7 (June 2012)

Sheri Rosenberg, '[A Common Standard for Applying R2P](#),' *R2P Ideas in Brief 2*, no. 6 (June 2012)

Jennifer M. Welsh and Serena K. Sharma, '[Operationalizing the Responsibility to Prevent](#),' *R2P Ideas in Brief 2*, no. 5 (May 2012).

Phil Orchard, '[Regime-Induced Displacement as an R2P Challenge](#),' *R2P Ideas in Brief 2*, no. 4 (February 2012).

### Publication Highlights

Annie Pohlman, 'Spectacular Atrocities: Making Enemies during the 1965-1966 Massacres in Indonesia,' in [Theatres of Violence: Massacre, Mass Killing and Atrocity throughout History](#), eds. Philip G. Dwyer and Lyndall Ryan (New York: Berghahn Books, 2012).

Noel M. Morada, 'ASEAN Responses to the Responsibility to Protect: Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints,' in [Responsibility to Protect: From Principle to Practice](#), eds. Julia Hoffmann and Andre Nollkaemper (Amsterdam: Pallas Publications – Amsterdam University Press, 2012).

Sarah Teitt, 'Paper Tiger or Platform for Action? South Asia and the Responsibility to Protect,' in *Routledge Handbook of the Responsibility to Protect*, eds. Andy Knight and Frazer Egerton (London: Routledge, 2012).

Sarah Teitt, 'Responsibility to Protect and China's Peacekeeping Policy,' in [China's Evolving Approach to Peacekeeping](#), eds. Marc Lanteigne and Miwa Hirono (London: Routledge, 2012).

Tim Dunne and Nicholas J. Wheeler, 'Operationalising Protective Intervention: Alternative Models of Authorisation,' in [Routledge Handbook of the Responsibility to Protect](#) eds. Andy Knight and Frazer Egerton (London: Routledge, 2012).

## Announcements

In 2012, the Centre has welcomed a number of new people, including our new postdoctoral fellow, **Dr Jocelyn Vaughn**, and new PhD candidates **Emma Townsend** and **Eglantine Raux**.

Congratulations to R2P Centre students **Stephen McLoughlin**, **Raymond Lau** and **Charles Hunt** on their PhD submissions!

Congratulations to **Charles Hunt** on his appointment as Lecturer in International Security in the School of Political Science and International Studies, UQ. The focus of Charles' appointment is to design and teach into the AusAID funded diplomacy training courses run through the R2P Centre as well as the UQ Graduate Certificate in International Studies (Diplomacy).

The Program Leaders for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (**Dr Deborah Mayersen**) and R2P in Southeast Asia (**Dr Annie Pohlman**) have both taken up new positions. Dr Mayersen began as the Vice-Chancellor's Post-Doctoral Fellow at The University of Wollongong earlier in the semester where she is undertaking a major research project on genocide prevention, and Dr Pohlman will commence as Lecturer in Indonesian Studies at the University of Queensland in July 2012.

For further information regarding the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect including our reports, activities and other information, please visit our website: [www.r2pasiapacific.org](http://www.r2pasiapacific.org).