



Virtual Seminar to Commemorate The 15th Anniversary of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) The Responsibility to Protect (R2P) at 15: Current Challenges and Future Prospect

Monday 14th September 2020

13:30-15:30 (Cambodian Time) | 16:30-18:30 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

In 2005, all UN member states unanimously adopted the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), entailing responsibilities of each state and the international community to protect and prevent humanity from four atrocity crimes namely genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing. The R2P adoption indicates a symbolic acceptance among states that hideous atrocities such as those in Cambodia in 1970s, Rwanda and Bosnia in 1990s must be prevented from happening again, and the international community must not turn blind eyes on mass crimes like it did in the past. After 15 years, although R2P has gained considerable momentums, paths for genuine acceptance and implementation of this norm among states remain difficult.

The Virtual Seminar aims to primarily review the progress and challenges of implementing R2P and atrocities prevention after 15 years of its adoption. It also seeks to revitalize and renew the impetus of the principle of R2P by examining roles of the UN and regional organizations in advancing atrocities prevention and R2P.

Agenda

13:30	Virtual Seminar Begins
13:30-13:40	Welcome Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Pou Sothirak, CICP Executive Director
13:40-13:55	Keynote Address by H.E. Dr. Karen Smith, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on R2P, on <i>"The Role of UN in implementing R2P: Key Achievements and Challenges"</i>
13:55-14:05	Video Message by Professor Alex Bellamy, Director of the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (APR2P), on <i>"The Need to Continue R2P Mission: Global Challenges and Ways Forward"</i>
14:05-14:15	Presentation by H.E. Ambassador Pou Sothirak, CICP Executive Director, on <i>"Cambodian Experience in Promoting R2P: Prospects and Challenges"</i>
14:15-14:25	Presentation by Dr. Noel M. Morada, Director, Regional Diplomacy and Capacity Building, APR2P, on <i>"R2P Promotion and Implementation in ASEAN: Overcoming Challenges to Promoting Atrocities Prevention"</i>
14:25-14:35	Presentation by Dr. Sriprapha Petcharamesree, Senior Lecturer of the Ph.D. Program in Human Rights and Peace Studies (International) of the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies at Mahidol University and former Thai Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), on <i>"Promoting and Implementing R2P and Atrocities Prevention in ASEAN"</i>
14:35-14:45	Presentation by H.E. Edmund Bon Tai Soon, Former Malaysian Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), on <i>"The Role of AICHR and its limitations in Addressing the Rohingya Crisis"</i>
14:45-15:25	Discussions among Participants with Distinguished Speakers
15:25-15:30	Closing Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Pou Sothirak, CICP Executive Director
15:30	Virtual Seminar Concludes



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About Distinguished Speakers



H.E. Ambassador Pou Sothirak

Executive Director, CICP

H.E. Ambassador Pou Sothirak is currently holding a position as Executive Director of the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace since June 2013. He also serves as Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia as of February 2014. He was appointed as Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia from September 2013 to January 2014. He was Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore from January 2009 to December 2012. He was appointed as Cambodian Ambassador to Japan from April 2005 to November 2008. He served as elected Cambodian Member of Parliaments twice during the general election in 1993 and 2003. He was appointed as Minister of Industry Mines and Energy of the Royal Government of Cambodia from 1993 to 1998.



H.E. Dr. Karen Smith

Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General on R2P

H.E. Dr. Karen Smith was appointed as Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect in January 2019. She currently teaches International Relations at the Institute for History at Leiden University, the Netherlands, and is an honorary research associate at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, where she was an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Studies from 2011-2017. Before that, she taught at the universities of Stellenbosch (2000-2010) and the Western Cape (2003-2004), both in South Africa. Between 2006 and 2007, she served as Secretary-General of the United Nations Association of South Africa. Dr Smith holds a PhD in International Relations from Stellenbosch University (2005) and serves on the editorial boards of the journals *Review of International Studies*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Rising Powers Quarterly*, and *Journal of African Union Studies*, among others. She has a research focus on non-Western contributions to international relations theory, as well as on regional and emerging powers, South Africa's foreign policy, and the changing global order.



Professor Alex Bellamy

Director, APR2P

Professor Alex Bellamy is Director of the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at The University of Queensland, Australia. He is also Non-Resident Senior Adviser at the International Peace Institute, New York and Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. In 2008-9 he served as co-chair of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Study Group on the Responsibility to Protect and he currently serves as Secretary of the High Level Advisory Panel on the Responsibility to Protect in Southeast Asia, chaired by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan. Dr Bellamy is co-editor of the *Global Responsibility to Protect* journal. His recent books include *Responsibility to Protect: A Defence* (Oxford, 2014), *Providing Peacekeepers* (with Paul D. Williams) (Oxford, 2013) and *Massacres and Morality* (Oxford, 2012).



Dr. Noel M. Morada

Director in charge of Regional Diplomacy and Capacity Building, APR2P

Dr. Noel M. Morada is former Professor of Political Science at the University of the Philippines Diliman and was a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC. In 2005, he was commissioned by the Canadian Embassy in Manila to undertake research on responses to R2P in Southeast Asia from which a R2P Roadmap in the region was published and has served as a guide to the work of the Centre. He has developed a template for R2P plan of action in the Centre's country programs in Southeast Asia. He has conducted lectures and seminars on R2P for government officials, civil society groups, and academia in Southeast Asia. He is an advocate of a bottom-up approach in building awareness and constituency around R2P in the region, and anchoring the principle in local and regional norms to promote protection of vulnerable populations from atrocity crimes. Apart from his research and advocacy on R2P, he is also involved in regional security research and dialogue specifically dealing with terrorism, maritime security, and non-traditional security issues in Southeast Asia. He has also done research and publication on ASEAN external relations, the ASEAN Regional Forum and cooperative security in the Asia Pacific, as well as human security and human development in the region.



Dr. Sriprapha Petchamesree

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Dr. Sriprapha Petchamesree is a Senior Lecturer of the Ph.D. Program in Human Rights and Peace Studies (International) of the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies at Mahidol University in Thailand. In October of 2009, she was appointed by the national government to act as the Thai Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, a role she served in until December of 2012. In addition to her academic duties, she is currently Co-Chair of the Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism advocating for effective regional human rights systems in the ASEAN region. She holds a degree in Political Science from Thammasat University as well as a D.E.A. in Comparative Politics and a Ph.D. in International Politics with distinction from the University of Paris-X.



H.E. Edmund Bon Tai Soon

Former Malaysian Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)

H.E. Edmund Bon Tai Soon is an eminent lawyer in Malaysia practising at AmerBON, Advocates and served a three year term from 2016 to 2018 as the Representative of Malaysia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). He is a co-founder and director of a non-governmental organisation, the Malaysian Centre for Constitutionalism & Human Rights (MCCHR), which focuses on strategic litigation and human rights advocacy. Edmund teaches at the University of Malaya and regularly speaks at human rights conferences. He co-authored the Halsbury's Laws of Malaysia on "Citizenship, Immigration, National Security and the Police" and has conducted more than 1000 hours of training for activists. Edmund read law at University College London and was called to the English Bar (Lincoln's Inn) in 1997. He was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1998 and has been in active practice since then. Edmund has a Masters' degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford.



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