Putting the Responsibility to Protect at the Centre of Europe

October 13-14, 2016
University of Leeds

Conference Programme
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Day 1, Thursday 13 October
Venue: Great Woodhouse Room, University House

10.15 Welcome: Jason Ralph, Head of the School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS), University of Leeds.

10.30 Opening Plenary: The global state of R2P
Chair: Jason Ralph, University of Leeds

- Simon Adams, Director of the Global Center for R2P
- Gillian Kitley, Senior Officer, United Nations Office for the Prevention of Genocide and the R2P
- Phil Orchard, University of Queensland and Research Director of the Asia Pacific Centre for R2P (via Skype)
- Adrian Gallagher, POLIS, University of Leeds

12.30 - 13.30 Buffet lunch

13.30 - 15.00 Plenary Roundtable 1: European Perspectives of R2P
Chair: Edward Newman, University of Leeds

- Jennifer Welsh, European University Institute, former UN Special Adviser on the R2P (via Skype)
- Cristina Stefan, POLIS, University of Leeds
- Chiara De Franco, University of Southern Denmark
- Enzo Maria Le Fevre Cervini, Director of Research and Cooperation of the Budapest Centre for the International Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities
- Fabien Terpan, College of Europe, Sciences Po Grenoble

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee

15.30 - 16.30 Plenary Roundtable 2: European Perspectives of R2P
Chair: Eamon Aloyo, Hague Institute

- Christoph Meyer, King’s College London
- Vasilka Sancin, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana
- Annemarie Rodt, Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College

17.00 - 18.00 Closed business meeting

19.00 Reception and dinner (for first day speakers)
09.00 - 10.30 Session One
Panel 1: Theorising the Responsibility to Protect (Great Woodhouse Room)
Chair: Adrian Gallagher, University of Leeds
- Hannah Partis-Jennings (St Andrews) – ‘Quantum R2P: A Normative Paradigm Simultaneously Alive and Dead’
- James Pattison (University of Manchester) – ‘The R2P and the alternatives to military intervention: an ethical evaluation’
- Eamon Aloyo (Hague Institute) – ‘Nonviolent Resistance, Democratization and Mass Atrocity Prevention’
- Sarka Kolmasova (MUP), Katerina Krulisova (NTU) – ‘R2P and Sexualised Violence: A Critical Feminist Perspective’

Panel 2: Regional Perspectives on the Responsibility to Protect (St George Room)
Chair: Gyorgy Tatar, Director of the Budapest Centre for Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Gyorgy Tatar (The Budapest Centre) – ‘Partnerships on R2P between the European Union and other regional communities’
- Linnéa Gelot (University of Gothenburg and Nordic Africa Institute) – ‘Waging Peace: a Practice-based Look at Africa's R2P’
- Pinar Gozen Ercan (Hacettepe University) – ‘The Responsibility to Protect and Overlooked Responsibilities: the refugee crisis and the implementation of the global responsibility to protect’
- Lucy Scott (University of Bradford) – ‘Sierra Leone: a story of successful R2P?’
- Edward Newman and Cristina Stefan (University of Leeds) – ‘The European Union's Weak Engagement with R2P?’

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee

11.00 - 12.30 Session Two
Panel 3: R2P and Humanity (Great Woodhouse Room)
Chair: James Pattison, University of Manchester
- Lars Waldorf (University of York) – ‘Inhumanity’s Law’
- Samuel Jarvis (University of Sheffield) – ‘The Scope of Humanity’s Reach: Reevaluating the R2P as a Moral Call to Action’
- Graeme Davies (University of Leeds) and Robert Johns (University of Essex) – ‘R2P From Below’
- Adrian Gallagher (University of Leeds) – ‘Investigating the Source of the R2P: R2P and Humanity’

Panel 4: R2P and the Crisis in Syria (St George Room)
Chair: Linnea Gelot, University of Gothenburg
- Jason Ralph (University of Leeds) and Xavier Mathieu (Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen) – ‘Meanings in use and useful meanings. ‘R2P’ and ‘political transition’ in the international response to the Syria crisis, 2011-13’
- Tessa Allablas (Hague Institute) – ‘US atrocity prevention efforts and the Syria crisis’
- Jessica Field (Save the Children) – ‘Humanitarian protection, partnerships and politicking in the Syrian Civil War’

12.30 - 13.30 Buffet lunch
**Day 2: Continued**  
**Venue: University House**

**13.30-15.00 Session Three**  
Panel 5: The R2P: Progress and Limits (Great Woodhouse Room)  
Chair: Chiara De Franco, University of Southern Denmark

- Kirsten Ainley (LSE) – ‘The Nature of ‘Responsibility’ in the Responsibility to Protect doctrine’
- Daniel Wand (University of Leeds) – ‘Implementing the Responsibility to Protect through International Criminal Law and the Problem of Head of State Immunity’
- Aidan Hehir (University of Westminster) – ‘Hollow Norms and the Responsibility to Protect’
- Justin Morris (University of Hull) – ‘Responsibility and Reform: A foreseeable dilemma?’

Panel 6: R2P and Refugees (St George Room)  
Chair: Graeme Davies, University of Leeds

- James Souter (University of Leeds) – ‘Linking Refugee Protection and R2P’
- Dan Bulley (Queen’s University Belfast) – ‘“Shame on EU”? Europe, RtoP and the Politics of Refugee Protection’
- Chloe Gilgan (University of York) – ‘Exploring the Link between R2P and Refugee Protection: Arriving at Resettlement’
- Richard Beardsworth (University of Aberystwyth) – ‘RtoP and the Contemporary Refugee Crisis: What Role for RtoP?’

**15.30 - 16.00 Coffee**

**16.00 - 17.00 Plenary address: Rt.Hon. Hilary Benn MP (Great Woodhouse Room)**

**17.00 - 17.15 Closing remarks**  
Informal dinner and social in Leeds for speakers
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Conference Organisers

Jason Ralph
Professor in International Relations, and Head of School of Politics & International Studies, University of Leeds.
Professor Jason Ralph is currently engaged in research on a project called the “Responsibility to Protect and Prosecute. The political sustainability of liberal norms in an age of shifting power balances.” It is part funded by an ESRC Seminar Series award, an RCUK award and a Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship. He is also involved in the White Rose Consortium “Responsibility to Protect and Humanity: A Study on the Idea of Human Interconnectedness” led by Adrian Gallagher. This research agenda builds on his British Academy Fellowship research, which was held 2012-13.

Adrian Gallagher
Associate Professor in International Security, School of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds.
Dr Adrian Gallagher’s research interests lie broadly in International Relations Theory (principally the English School), Genocide and Mass Violence, the Responsibility to Protect and Research Methods. He is Co-Convener of the British International Studies Association Work Group on Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect (IR2PWG) with Dr Cristina Stefan (University of Leeds) and Dr Aidan Hehir (University of Westminster).

Edward Newman
Professor in International Security, School of Politics & International Studies, University of Leeds.
Ted works in international security studies, broadly defined. Within this field, his interests lie in a number of areas: theoretical security studies, including critical approaches and ‘human security’; intrastate armed conflict, civil war, intervention and political violence; international organizations and multilateralism; and peacebuilding and reconstruction in conflict-prone and post-conflict societies. He is the editor of the journal Civil Wars and a founding executive editor of International Relations of the Asia Pacific.

Cristina Stefan
Lecturer in International Relations, School of Politics & International Studies, University of Leeds.
Dr Cristina Stefan’s research has focused on the evolution and consequences of international norms and institutions, issues related to human rights, intervention, international criminal justice, and especially on the debates surrounding the normative diffusion of the various components of the responsibility to protect agenda. Cristina’s publications include a monograph on Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect: Security and Human Rights (Routledge 2011, 2012), and articles in journals such as International Studies Perspectives, Canadian Journal of Political Science, International Studies Journal, Canadian Foreign Policy Journal, International Criminal Law Review, Global Governance and Security Dialogue (published as Badescu). Cristina is also a Senior Analyst with the Global Governance Institute in Brussels, and a Co-Convener of the BISA Work Group on Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect.
James Souter

Lecturer in International Relations, School of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds.

Dr James Souter focuses on states’ special responsibilities to protect human rights, with particular reference to asylum, refugee protection and the ‘responsibility to protect’. He is currently contributing to a project entitled ‘The Responsibility to Protect in the Context of the Continuing “War on Terror”: A Study of Liberal Interventionism and the Syrian Crisis’, with Jason Ralph, Rachel Utley and Derek Edyvane, funded by Research Councils UK. James completed a DPhil entitled ‘Asylum as Reparation’ at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, in 2014. He is co-author of ‘A special responsibility to protect. Australia, the UK and the rise of Islamic State’ International Affairs, July 2015.

Benedict Docherty

PhD researcher, School of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds.

Ben is completing his PhD – funded by a POLIS Research Studentship – which examines the cases of Cote d’Ivoire, Libya and Syria to assess how tensions over the practice of liberal intervention affect the sustainability of the solidarist society of states typified by R2P, given that R2P legitimates multilateral humanitarian intervention. Ben has served as a Co-Convenor of the British International Studies Association Postgraduate Network and is currently the postgraduate research representative of the BISA Working Group on Intervention and Responsibility to Protect. Since 2013 he has administered the ESRC funded seminar series project – The Responsibility to Protect and Prosecute.
Jennifer Welsh was appointed in July 2013 by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as his Special Adviser at the Assistant Secretary-General level on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) at the United Nations and beyond.

Jennifer works under the overall guidance of Adama Dieng, the Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, to further the conceptual, political, institutional and operational development of the responsibility to protect concept, as set out by the General Assembly in paragraphs 138 and 139 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome document.

Currently, a Professor and Chair in International Relations at the European University Institute in Florence, Jennifer’s research projects include the evolution of the “responsibility to protect” in international society, the ethics of post-conflict reconstruction, the authority of the United Nations Security Council and the notion of sovereignty.
Chiara de Franco

As associate professor and affiliate to the Center for War Studies in the University of Southern Denmark, Dr de Franco carries out research in the field of International Relations theory, conflict resolution, and global media and security. She is currently working on the role of narratives and practices in IR, processes of mediatisation in warfare, organisational learning and norm diffusion – with a specific focus on the UN, the EU and the OSCE – the warning-response gap, and mass atrocity prevention (R2P).

Enzo Maria Le Fevre Cervini

Dr Le Fevre Cervini is the Director for Research and Cooperation at the Budapest Centre for Mass Atrocity Prevention. He manages the Centre’s relationship with International Organizations, States, NGOs, and CSOs, and is also the co-chair of the Community of Practice on Development and Mass Atrocities Prevention at the World Bank’s Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development, sponsored by the Centre.

Christoph Meyer

Christoph Meyer is Professor of European & International Politics at King’s College London. His research interests are wide-ranging within the field of European Union studies and international relations. In terms of policy fields, he has been working on security and defence policy, including conflict prevention, public communication and media coverage as well as economic governance. He has contributed to debates about the European public sphere and political integration, European strategic culture and questions of forecasting and prevention of risks.

Annemarie Rodt

Annemarie Peen Rodt is Associate Professor at the Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College. Her primary research is on protection of civilians (POC) in violent conflicts. Amongst her current activities are two Horizon 2020 projects, funded by the EU, on ‘Improving Effectiveness of Capabilities in EU Conflict Prevention’ (IECEU) and ‘Preventing and Responding to Conflict: Developing EU Civilian Capabilities for Sustainable Peace’ (CIVCAP).

She is Founding Editor of Ethnopolitics Papers and Associate Editor of the Ethnopolitics journal. Societal impact projects include the Task Force on EU Prevention of Mass-Atrocities.

Vasilka Sancin

Vasilin Sancin is Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law and Director of the Institute of International Law and International Relations at the University of Ljubljana.