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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT, PEACE AND SECURITY

12 – 13 December 2017

University of Leeds

Women Network on the Responsibility to Protect, Peace and Security: Research and Impact

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



WOMEN NETWORK ON THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT, PEACE AND SECURITY: RESEARCH AND IMPACT

” My motivation to propose a women-only network to the British Academy was triggered by a desire to highlight that a critical mass of brilliant female minds already exists in the fields of R2P, peace and security, even if this is not always obvious if we look at the composition of high-profile talks and conference panels. This international conference brings together senior academics, researchers, diplomats, and policy-makers – all women – to highlight the ground-breaking research and impactful day-to-day work of women who are authorities in their respective fields. My second motivation relates to encouraging female early career researchers to learn from these experts, and to engage in motivating and thought-provoking conversations. This will hopefully inspire female early career researchers to produce impactful work that addresses tough questions on how we can make protection work during these challenging times. It is my hope that we can all benefit from this uniquely resourceful and knowledgeable network, long after the conference ends, and that we'll stay in touch and find inspiration and motivation for future work on these related topics.

Dr Cristina Stefan, Organiser of the Conference and Women Network

DAY 1, TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2017

REGISTRATION	9:00 – 9:20
INTRODUCTORY SESSION	9:20 – 10:30
Welcome Address	Dr Cristina Stefan , Co-Director of the European Centre for R2P & Lecturer in International Relations, University of Leeds
Introductory Remarks	Professor Lisa Roberts , Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation, University of Leeds
Keynote Speech	Emeritus Professor Fiona Williams , Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), Professor of Social Policy, University of Leeds and Fellow of the British Academy, <i>One Woman's Academic Journey through Gender, Race and Migration in Social Policy</i>
COFFEE BREAK	10:30 – 11:00
PLENARY ROUNDTABLE 11:00 – 12:30	Chair: Dr Cristina Stefan , University of Leeds and Co-Director of the European Centre for R2P
The Global State of R2P, Peace and Security Research: Women's Perspectives	Professor Jennifer Welsh , Professor and Chair in International Relations at the European University Institute, Senior Research Fellow at Somerville College, University of Oxford & former UN Special Adviser on R2P Gillian Kitley , UN Senior Officer and Head of the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and R2P Ambassador Blanka Jamničnik , Ministry of Foreign Affairs Slovenia, Directorate for Multilateral Relations, Development Cooperation and International Law & Slovenian R2P Focal Point Savita Pawnday , Deputy Executive Director of the Global Centre for R2P

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LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 13:30

PANEL 1

13:30 – 15:00

Protection Responsibilities in the European Context

Chair: Professor Jennifer Welsh, European University Institute

Dr Nathalie Tocci, Director of the Institute of International Affairs & Special Adviser to the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Frederica Mogherini, *The Making of the EU's Global Strategy and Its Implementation* (via video conference)

Maria Gotsi, Policy Officer for Multilateral Relations, European External Action Service (EEAS), *Latest EU Developments on the R2P Framework*

Ambassador Blanka Jamnič, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Slovenia, Directorate for Multilateral Relations, Development Cooperation and International Law & Slovenian R2P Focal Point, *European Cooperation on R2P*

Dr Eglantine Staunton, Research Fellow, University of Leeds, *France and R2P: A Tale of Two Norms*

Dr Chiara de Franco, Associate Professor University of Southern Denmark, *EU-NATO Collaborations on Civilian Protection* (via video conference)

COFFEE BREAK 15:00 – 15:30

PANEL 2

15:30 – 17:00

Researching Women, Peace and Security

Chair: Emeritus Professor Fiona Williams OBE, University of Leeds

Dr Anastasia Shesterinina, Lecturer in International Security, University of Sheffield, *Ethics, Empathy and Fear in Research on Political Violence*

Dr Kaisa Jinkkainen, University Academic Fellow, University of Leeds, *Local Determinants of Sexual Violence: A Focus on Syria*

Professor Rosa Freedman, Professor of Law, Conflict and Global Development, University of Reading, *UN-Accountable?: Tackling Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by UN Peacekeepers*

Dr Linnéa Gelot, Senior Researcher, The Folke Bernadotte Academy and School of Global Studies, Gothenburg University, *Sexual Abuse in AMISOM*

RECEPTION AND DINNER 18:00 – 20:00

(for speakers)

Venue: St George Room, University House (on campus)

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PANEL 3

9:30 – 11:00

**Violence, Conflict and
Protection:
Regional Contexts**

Chair: Dr Sara Davies, Griffith University

Professor Jacqui True, Professor of Politics and International Relations, Monash University & Australian Research Council Future Fellow, *Low Intensity Conflicts in Asia* (via video conference)

Isabel Tamoj, Research Associate at Genocide Alert and UNESCO, *Prevention of Mass Atrocities and Violent Extremism in Europe: Why Civil Society Matters*

Dr Toni Haastrup, Lecturer in International Security and Deputy Director of the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent, *New Directions for Women Protection in Africa*

Dr Polly Wilding, Lecturer in Gender and International Development, University of Leeds, *Violence against Women in Latin America: A Focus on Brazil*

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 11:30

PANEL 4

11:30 – 13:00

**The Importance of
Atrocity Prevention**

Chair: Dr Katarina Månsson, The Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO)

Gillian Kitley, UN Senior Officer and Head of the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and R2P, *The Focus of the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and R2P on Atrocity Prevention*

Dr Sara Davies, Australian Research Council Future Fellow and Associate Professor at the School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University & the Asia-Pacific Centre for R2P, *Norm Entrepreneurship in Atrocity Prevention*

Professor Karen Smith, Professor of International Relations, LSE, *Atrocity Prevention and Challenges ahead for the European Union*

Dr Cristina Stefan & Georgiana Epure, Co-Director of the ECR2P and Lecturer in International Relations & ESRC 1+3 PhD student, University of Leeds, *Guinea: A Successful Example of Atrocity Prevention?*

Dr Kate Ferguson, Director of Research and Policy, Protection Approaches, *Why the UK Needs to Invest in Atrocity Prevention*

LUNCH BREAK

13:00 – 14:00

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PANEL 5

14:00 – 15:30

**International Law,
Human Rights and the
UN**

Chair: Professor Karen Smith, LSE

Ambassador Simona Miculescu, Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Director of the UN Office in Belgrade, *Human Rights: The Foundation of the UN Secretary-General's Vision for the World*

Dr Katarina Månsson, UN Coordination Officer, The Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO), *Perspectives from Palestine*

Savita Pawnday, Deputy Executive Director of the Global Centre for R2P, *Advocating for R2P and Mass Atrocity Prevention at the UN*

Dr Vasilka Sancin, Associate Professor of International Law, Director of the Institute for International Law and International Relations, University of Ljubljana, *Enforcing EU Laws of Protection* (via video conference)

Naomi Kikoler, Deputy Director of the Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Risk Factors and Legal Norms on Protection*

COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 16:00

CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE

16:00-17:30

**Bridging the Gaps: From
Academics to Policy-
Makers, From Research
to Impact**

Chair: Dr Cristina Stefan, University of Leeds

Ambassador Blanke Jamnič, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Slovenia, Directorate for Multilateral Relations, Development Cooperation and International Law, and Slovenian R2P Focal Point

Naomi Kikoler, Deputy Director of the Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Ambassador Simona Miculescu, UN Secretary-General Representative and Director of the UN Office in Belgrade

Dr Kate Ferguson, Director of Research and Policy, Protection Approaches

Savita Pawnday, Deputy Executive Director of the Global Centre for R2P

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr Cristina Stefan, Co-Director of the European Centre for R2P & Lecturer in International Relations, University of Leeds

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SPEAKER PROFILES



Emeritus Professor Fiona Williams OBE

Fiona Williams is Emeritus Professor of Social Policy at the University of Leeds. Professor Williams has written widely on gender, race and ethnicity in social policy.



Gillian Kitley

Gillian Kitley is the Senior Officer in the United Nations Office for Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect.



Professor Jennifer Welsh

Jennifer Welsh is Professor and Chair in International Relations at the European University Institute and Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University. Professor Welsh is the former UN Special Advisor on the R2P.



Professor Jacqui True

Jacqui True is Professor of Politics & International Relations and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow at Monash University, Australia.



Ambassador Blanka Jamniček

Ambassador Blanka Jamniček currently operates as the Slovenian National R2P Focal Point and as the Deputy Head of the Slovenian Delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).



Professor Karen Smith

Karen Smith is Professor of International Relations and director of the European Foreign Policy Unit at the London School of Economics and Political Science.



Dr Nathalie Tocci

Dr Nathalie Tocci is Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Honorary Professor at the University of Tübingen, and Special Adviser to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini.



Dr Sara Davies

Dr Sara Davies is a QUT Vice-Chancellor Research Fellow at the Australian Centre for Health Law Research and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow.



Naomi Kikoler

Naomi Kikoler is the deputy director of the Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide. For six years, she developed and implemented the Global Centre for the R2P's work on populations at risk.



Professor Rosa Freedman

Professor Rosa Freedman is Professor of Law, Conflict and Global Development at the University of Reading. Professor Freedman researches on the UN, and has several interests within that area.



Maria Gotsi

Maria Gotsi is a Policy Officer for Multilateral Relations at the European External Action Service, where she provides support to the EU's focal point for the Responsibility to Protect, Christian Leffler.



Dr Katarina Månsson

Dr Katarina Månsson is UN Coordination Officer in The Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO). She previously worked as Associate Political Affairs Officer in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and Human Rights Officer at the OHCHR.

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Savita Pawnday

Savita Pawnday is the Deputy Executive Director of the Global Centre for the R2P. Savita oversees all the Global Centre's programs and activities, including its work in Geneva.



Ambassador Simona Miculescu

Ambassador Simona Miculescu serves as Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the UN Office in Belgrade. Ambassador Miculescu was the Permanent Representative of Romania to the UN between 2008-2015.



Dr Chiara de Franco

Dr Chiara de Franco is an associate professor and affiliate to the Center for War Studies in the University of Southern Denmark. Dr de Franco's current research includes work on mass atrocity prevention (R2P).



Dr Linnéa Gelot

Dr Gelot is senior researcher at the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden. Dr Gelot's areas of expertise include the African Union, Peace Operations, Conflict Management in Africa and the Protection of Civilians.



Dr Vasilka Sancin

Dr Vasilka Sancin is Associate Professor and Head of Department of International Law at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Dr Sancin is director of the Institute for International Law and International Relations.



Dr Toni Haastrup

Dr Toni Haastrup is a Lecturer in International Security and a Deputy Director of the Global Europe Centre (GEC) at the University of Kent.



Dr Cristina Stefan

Dr Cristina Stefan is the Co-Director of the European Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, a Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Leeds, and a Senior Analyst with the Global Governance Institute in Brussels.



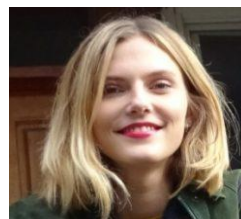
Dr Kate Ferguson

Dr Kate Ferguson is Director of Research and Policy at Protection Approaches, London. Dr Ferguson leads the Research and Analysis programme at Protection Approaches.



Dr Polly Wilding

Dr Polly Wilding is a Lecturer in Gender and International Development at the University of Leeds. Dr Wilding's main research interests are the gendered intersections between different forms of violence that affect urban communities.



Isabel Tamoj

Isabel Tamoj currently works as a Carlo-Schmid-Fellow within the Global Citizenship Education Team of the UNESCO Education Sector in Paris.



Dr Eglantine Staunton

Dr Eglantine Staunton is a Research Fellow at the University of Leeds. Dr Staunton's research interests lie broadly in human protection.



Georgiana Epure

Georgiana's PhD research at Leeds focuses on the politics on international criminal justice. She holds an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge and is the editor-in-chief of the R2P Student Journal.

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Dr Anastasia Shesterinina

Dr Anastasia Shesterinina is a Lecturer in Politics/International at the University of Sheffield. Dr Shesterinina's interests lie at the intersection of international relations, comparative politics, and qualitative.



Dr Kaisa Hinkkainen

Dr Kaisa Hinkkainen is a University Academic Fellow in Security Studies at the University of Leeds. Her research interests include terrorism, conflict processes and resolution.



CONFERENCE ORGANISER



Dr Cristina Stefan

Dr Cristina Stefan is the Co-Director of the European Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (ECR2P), a Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Leeds, and a Senior Analyst with the Global Governance Institute in Brussels. Her research on intervention, peace and security, and R2P appeared in a variety of journals, including *Security Dialogue*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Global Governance*, *International Criminal Law Review*, and *European Journal of International Security*, and in a monograph on *Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect: Security and Human Rights*. She used her British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award to fund this conference and to convene the affiliated Women Network, which includes more members in addition to the conference speakers (please see: www.ecr2p.leeds.ac.uk/women-network)

CONFERENCE ASSISTANT



Georgiana Epure

Georgiana Epure is a 1+3 ESRC funded-scholar studying for an MA in Social Sciences and Research Methods at the University of Leeds in preparation for her doctoral research on the politics of international criminal justice. She holds an MPhil degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, Christ's College, where her research was funded by the Gates Trust. She is the founder and editor-in-chief of the Responsibility to Protect Student Journal and a Women Deliver Young Leader advocating for women's sexual rights and reproductive health.

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