

# Operationalising the Responsibility to Protect: The Challenges of the Third Pillar Approach

## Workshop Draft Programme

Thursday 26 April 2012  
At the **Global Governance Institute, Vesalius College (VUB)**  
5, Pleinlaan, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

8:30 - 9:00 Welcome & Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 Introductory Address

**Gillian Kitley**, Senior Officer, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect

9:30 – 12:30 Session I: Enhancing the Legitimacy and Consistency of the "Third Pillar" Approach

This workshop will focus on methods and policy options of improving the legitimacy and consistency of the "third pillar" approach. Presentations will seek to answer what more can be done by regional players such as the EU, if required and sanctioned by the UN Security Council, to boost the legitimacy of last-resort intervention when used to uphold RtoP. Presentations will also address what more can be done by the UN Security Council to ensure greater trust in the RtoP principle through the consistency of its approach. Analysis will also cover how the Security Council can ensure that it has in place the correct capacities to act when faced with crises or, better still, is seized of potential crises when prevention is still a viable option.

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Joachim Koops**, Director, Global Governance Institute & Assistant Professor of Political Science, Vesalius College, Brussels.

**"A Living Trust: Strategies for Sustaining and Growing Support for Third Pillar Response to Threats of Mass Atrocities"**

*Robert Zuber, Director, Global Action to Prevent War*

**"Libya and the Responsibility to Protect: Pillar Three and the Prevention of Mass Atrocity Crimes"**

*Ruben Reike, Senior Analyst, Global Governance Institute & University of Oxford*

**"A Reluctant Actor: China's Dilemmas in the Responsibility to Protect"**

*Peiran Wang, Visiting Researcher, Brussels Free University & PhD Candidate, East China Normal University*

**"The Business Society and the Responsibility to Protect"**

*Dr. Eamon Aloyo, Research Associate, One Earth Future Foundation & Senior Analyst, Global Governance Institute*

**"The Regionalisation of the Responsibility to Protect"**

*Kate Seaman, Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of East Anglia*

Audience Q&A

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 16:30 Session II: Improving the Effectiveness of RtoP's Civilian and Military Tools

This workshop session will analyse the political feasibility of conflict prevention and peacekeeping and peacemaking forces to stop mass atrocities at the earliest stages of violent conflict, and address methodologies and best practices to keep societies that have emerged from violence from falling back into cycles of violence. Presentations will critically assess the relevance and effectiveness of current UN early warning and conflict prevention capacities for RtoP. Furthermore, speakers will also critically appraise the military and civilian tools available for the UN and regional bodies such as the EU to react to atrocity crimes.

Chair: **Daniel Fiott**, Research Fellow, Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation

**"A Common Approach to the Application of the Responsibility to Protect"**

*Ekkehard Strauss & Sam Permutt, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law*

**"Operationalising the Responsibility to Protect's "Sharp End": Towards a No Footprint Approach"**

*Robert Schütte, President, Genocide Alert*

**"Gender Dimensions of Third Pillar Capacities: Women's Contributions to Conflict Prevention, Early Warning and Rapid Response"**

*Melina Lito, Global Action to Prevent War*

**"Sanctions, Trials and Peace: Promises and Pitfalls of RtoP's Civilian Dimension"**

*Caroline Fehl, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Goethe University Frankfurt*

**"An Examination of the Level of Standby Effectiveness in the EU for RtoP Style Deployments"**

*David Curran, Lecturer, Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford*

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17:00 Concluding Remarks

MEP **Franziska Brantner**, Greens/EFA, European Parliament

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