

Conference: The Responsibility to Protect: Re-Energizing the Key Players

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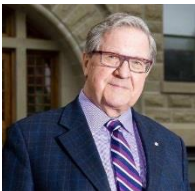
Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans
Chancellor, Australian National University
Conference Chair

Gareth Evans was Australia's Foreign Minister from 1988-96, President of the International Crisis Group from 2000-09, Co-Chair of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty 2001, and author of *The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for All* (Brookings, 2008). He now chairs the International Advisory Board of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, and has been since 2010 Chancellor of The Australian National University.



Dr. Simon Adams
Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Dr. Simon Adams has worked extensively with governments and civil society organizations in South Africa, East Timor, Rwanda, and elsewhere. Between 1994 and 2002 Dr. Adams worked with Sinn Féin and former IRA prisoners in support of the Northern Ireland peace process. He is also a former member of the international anti-apartheid movement and of the African National Congress. Dr. Adams is the author of four books and has also written for the *New York Times*, *The Australian*, and many other publications. Dr. Adams regularly appears as an expert commentator on Al-Jazeera, BBC, Chinese Central Television and numerous other media.



The Hon. Lloyd Axworthy

Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, former Foreign Minister of Canada, is past President of the University of Winnipeg, Companion of the Order of Canada, present Chair of Cuso International, Richard Weisenhacker Fellow, Bosch Foundation, and Advisor to the President, Manitoba Metis Federation.



Alex Bellamy
Asia Pacific Centre for R2P

Alex Bellamy is Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Director of the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect 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 R2P and in 2013-15 as Secretary to the High Level Advisory Panel on R2P in Southeast Asia, chaired by former ASEAN Secretary-General Surin Pitsuwan. In 2016 he served as a consultant to the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect. Recent books include: “East Asia’s Other Miracle: Explaining the Decline of Mass Atrocities” (Oxford, 2017 (in press)), “The Oxford Handbook of the Responsibility to Protect” (edited with Tim Dunne, Oxford 2016), and “The Responsibility to Protect: A Defense” (Oxford, 2014). He was a Visiting Fellow at The University of Oxford (2014-2015).



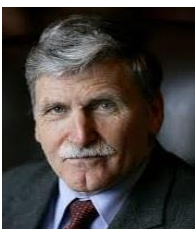
Emmanuel Habuka Bombande
Former Deputy Minister: Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration
Ghana

Emmanuel Bombande is the immediate past Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana. Before his appointment, he worked with the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS) as Special Advisor/Assistant to the Secretary General’s Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel. He is a co-founder of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) and the immediate past Executive Director. He has been a Visiting Fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in the University of Notre Dame-Indiana. He is a Peacebuilding Practitioner, Mediator and Trainer in Conflict Mitigation and Prevention across Africa. His Conflict Prevention practice includes working with Governments and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in Early Warning Mechanisms for Mass Atrocities Prevention. In Ghana, he served on a UN Advisory Team in the development of a National Peace Architecture. Amongst others, he facilitates a Dialogue and Mediation Course in the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden and the Responsibility to Protect Course in the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre-Accra-Ghana. He is a strong advocate of the Responsibility to Protect particularly in African States.



Dr. Frank Chalk
Director, Montreal Institute for Genocide & Human Rights Studies
and Professor of History
Concordia University

Frank Chalk: co-author, *The History and Sociology of Genocide* (Yale, 1990); associate editor, *Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity* (2004); co-author, *Mobilizing the Will to Intervene* (McGill-Queen’s, 2010); consulting editor Gale’s “Genocide and Persecution” series (2011-). Fellow, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum); Fulbright Professor (Ibadan, Nigeria); member, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance; recipient, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Work with UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect.



Retired Lieutenant-General the Hon. Roméo Dallaire
Founder
The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative

Roméo Dallaire is a retired Lieutenant-General, retired Canadian Senator, and celebrated humanitarian. In 1993, LGen Dallaire was appointed Force Commander for UNAMIR, where he bore witness to the Rwandan genocide. Since his retirement, he has become an outspoken advocate for human rights, mental health and war-affected children. He founded the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, an organization committed to progressively ending the use of child soldiers worldwide through a security sector approach.



Lord David Hannay
Member International Relations Committee
House of Lords

David Hannay was UK Ambassador to the EU (1985/90) and then to the UN (1990/95). He was the UK government's Special Representative for Cyprus from 1996/2003; and was a member of the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change (2003/5). He is currently serving as a member of the House of Lords' International Relations Committee and is chair of the UN All Party Parliamentary Group.



Victoria K. Holt
Former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

Victoria K. Holt stepped down from the Obama Administration in January 2017, where she served as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (International Organizations) since 2009, with primary responsibility for issues before the UN Security Council. Previously, she led the *Future of Peace Operations* program at the Stimson Center in Washington. Ms. Holt has also served as senior staff to Members of Congress; led a bipartisan coalition to end arrears to the UN; and ran programs on peace and security for Washington institutes.



Heidi Hulan
Director General, International Security Policy
Global Affairs Canada

Heidi Hulan is Director General, International Security Policy, Global Affairs Canada, with responsibility for defence relations, NATO, the OSCE, nuclear non-proliferation arms control and disarmament (NACD), and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) policy. In 2000 she served as Coordinator of the Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty. Other recent assignments have included; Director General, Non-proliferation and Security Threat Reduction Bureau (2015-2016); Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to NATO in Brussels (2010-2013); and, Minister-Counsellor and Head of the Political Section at Canada's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (2005-2009).



Professor Edward C. Luck
Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of Professional Practice
and Director of the Specialization in International Conflict Resolution
School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Dr. Edward C. Luck is the Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of Professional Practice and Director of the Specialization in International Conflict Resolution, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. He served as the United Nations' first Special Adviser for the Responsibility to Protect from 2008 to 2012 at the level of Assistant Secretary-General.



Mr. Patrick Luna
Second Secretary and Legal Adviser
Permanent Mission of Brazil to the UN

Patrick Luna is a diplomat (Second-Secretary), posted to the Mission of Brazil to the United Nations, where he covers issues related to International Law and Protection of Civilians, including R2P and RwP. Coordinates the Group of Friends of the International Criminal Court in New York. Holds a bachelor's degree in Law (University of São Paulo, 2008) and graduated from the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy (2010). Fluent in Portuguese, English, French, German and Spanish.



Andrew Mack
School for International Studies
Simon Fraser University

Andrew Mack produces the Human Security Report series which tracks trends in organized violence around the world, their causes and consequences. He was formerly Director of the Strategic Planning Office in Kofi Annan's Executive Office, and, prior to that was Head of the Department of International Relations at the Australian National University.



David M. Malone

Rector of the United Nations University
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

David M. Malone has pursued a hybrid career shared between government service (for Canada), academic life and the think-tank world. Currently he is Rector of the UN University, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, and Under-Secretary-General of the UN. He has written thirteen books on the UN Security Council, wider peace and security challenges, public international law, international development and India's international relations. He has three more on the way and also enjoys writing in a lighter vein



Advocate Doc Mashabane

Department of International Relations and Cooperation
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Advocate Doctor Mashabane is the Chief Director of the United Nations, Political, Peace and Security division at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) in South Africa. Prior to holding this position, he served as South Africa's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, a position he held from 2010 - 2014. In this period Advocate Mashabane also oversaw South Africa's non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council (2011-2012). Advocate Mashabane holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law and in 2002, he was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa.



Kyle Matthews

Executive Director
Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies
Concordia University

Kyle Matthews is the Executive Director of the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS) at Concordia University. At Concordia he founded the Raoul Wallenberg Legacy of Leadership project as well as the Digital Mass Atrocity Prevention Lab, which works to counter online extremism and study how social media platforms are being used as a weapon of war. His work focuses on human rights, international security, the Responsibility to Protect, global threats, and social media and technology, and global cities. He works closely with the Canadian All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and has advised Members of Parliament on issues related to international peace and security. He previously worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, where he was posted to the Southern Caucasus (Tbilisi), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa) and Switzerland (Geneva). Prior to that he worked for CARE Canada in Albania and later at its headquarters in Ottawa. In 2011 he joined the New Leaders program at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. He is a member of the Global Diplomacy Lab, a member of the BMW Foundation's Global Responsible Leaders, and recently joined the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's advisory board on transatlantic cooperation for atrocity prevention.



Edward Mortimer

Distinguished Fellow, All Souls College
Oxford

Until 1998 Edward Mortimer was a journalist covering international affairs, first for *The Times*, then the *Financial Times*. Later he was director of communications for UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and later still Chief Program Officer of the Salzburg Global Seminar. Since 2013 he has been a Distinguished Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford.



Keith Porter
President and CEO
The Stanley Foundation

Keith Porter became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Stanley Foundation in February 2013. He's been active in the foundation's mass atrocity prevention initiatives for much of his nearly three decades there. In 2016, Porter served as a member of the Experts Committee on Preventing Mass Violence. Previously, he was the director of policy and outreach for the foundation. In that post, he played a leadership role in the foundation's transition toward a dynamic, advocacy organization focused on specific multilateral policy-change goals. This included developing and implementing a new strategic plan, creating work plans and theory-of-change models, evaluating progress, and maximizing the foundation's impact through increased networking and collaboration with a wide range of institutions and individuals. Porter earlier worked on the Stanley Foundation's nationally syndicated public radio programs. During his tenure at the foundation, several organizations have recognized him for excellence in broadcast journalism, including the National Press Club, the Society of Professional Journalists, the National Headliner Awards, the New York Festivals, and the United Nations Correspondents Association.



Amb. David Pressman

Ambassador David Pressman is a partner at Boies, Schiller & Flexner where he represents clients navigating complex crises, international disputes, litigation and investigations. Appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, Ambassador Pressman represented the United States on the United Nations Security Council and has served as the senior U.S. negotiator on international disputes around the world. Ambassador Pressman previously served as Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security and as the Director for War Crimes and Atrocities on the National Security Council at the White House where he was responsible for coordinating the U.S. Government's efforts to prevent and respond to mass atrocities and war crimes. Ambassador Pressman has led global advocacy campaigns and is currently leading the recently established Clooney Foundation for Justice. During the Clinton Administration, Pressman served as an aide to Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright.



Amb. Hardeep Singh Puri
Chairman
Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS)

Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri has had a distinguished four-decade career in diplomacy spanning the multilateral arena, including as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in both Geneva (2002-2005) and New York (2009-2013). He is one of the few Indians to preside over the United Nations Security Council and the only one to have chaired its Counter-terrorism Committee. He most recently served as Vice President at the International Peace Institute and as Secretary-General of the Independent Commission on Multilateralism in New York. Ambassador Puri is the author of the book *'Perilous Interventions: The Security Council & The Politics of Chaos'*, a Harper Collins publication (September 2016).

On 15 March 2017, Ambassador Puri was appointed as the President of the Governing Body and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi based autonomous think-tank that specializes in policy research on international economic issues and development cooperation.



Allan Rock

Allan Rock is a former Attorney General of Canada. He was Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations from 2003-2006. He is President Emeritus of the University of Ottawa and is currently a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School.



Dr. Ruan Zongze
Executive Vice President
China Institute of International Studies

Dr. Ruan Zongze: Executive Vice President and senior fellow at CIIS, Editor-in-Chief of the CIIS journal - *China International Studies*, member of UNDP Human Development Report Advisory Panel, and member of ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Experts & Eminent Persons. Minister Counselor at the Embassy of the PRC in the United States (2007-2011), and diplomat at the PRC Embassy in the UK (1996-2000). Ph.D. at China Foreign Affairs University. Research areas include U.S. foreign policy, Chinese foreign policy, international security and development. Author of *A Diplomat's Inside Story of America* (Jiang Su People's Publishing LTD, Nanjing, 2012), and *The Rise of China and the Transition of East Asia Order: Shaping and Expanding the Shared Interests* (Peking University Press, Beijing, 2007). Appearing frequently on China Central Television and other major media.



Dr. Nola-Kate Seymoar
Rapporteur

Dr Nola-Kate Seymoar currently chairs the Vancouver City Planning Commission. She was President and CEO of the award winning International Centre for Sustainable Cities (1999-2010). She served on the organizing committee for the World Peace Forum in Vancouver in 2006, sat on the Board of Peacefund Canada and on the founding boards of the Canadian Landmines Foundation, The Centre for Days of Peace (promoting ceasefires for children) and the advisory board to the Peace and Conflict Studies program at Royal Roads University. She received the United Nations Association in Canada's Global Citizen Award in 1995, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.



Mr. Ivan Šimonović
UN Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect

Mr. Šimonović is the Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect. From 2010 to 2016 he served as the United Nations Assistant-Secretary-General for Human Rights. Before joining the United Nations in 2010, Mr. Šimonović held the position of Minister of Justice of Croatia. He was previously Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, where he served as President of the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. Šimonović was a professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb, where he was Head of the Legal Theory Department, Vice-Dean and Vice-Rector for international cooperation. Serving in an expert capacity, he has been a member of the Council of Europe's Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, as well as the Agent of the Republic of Croatia before the United Nations International Court of Justice.



Dr. Jennifer Allen Simons
President
The Simons Foundation

Jennifer Allen Simons, C.M., Ph.D., LL.D. is Founder and President of The Simons Foundation, a private charitable foundation located in Vancouver, Canada, with a mission to advance positive change through education in peace, disarmament, international law and human security. Dr. Simons is Adjunct Professor at SFU's School for International Studies and Senior Visiting Fellow and Dialogue Associate at SFU's Centre for Dialogue, a Council Member of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, Founding Partner of Global Zero, and serves as a board member or advisor on a number of national and international organizations. She was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2010.



Jill E. Sinclair

Senior Advisor, Department of National Defence
Government of Canada

Jill is currently a Senior Advisor at the Dept of National Defence and is the Canadian Representative to the Ukrainian Defence Reform Advisory Board. She served as Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) at DND and Assistant Secretary Foreign and Defence at the Privy Council Office. During her career at Foreign Affairs, Jill led the Ottawa Process to ban anti-personnel mines; was the Executive Director of the Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty which led to the creation of R2P; was Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process; worked extensively on arms control, disarmament and human and regional security and had postings to Prague, Havana and the Middle East. She is a Senior Fellow at the University of Ottawa Graduate School of Public Service and International Affairs and volunteers with the Friends of the National Arts Centre Orchestra as the Director of Communications and Outreach.



Dr. Ekaterina Stepanova

Lead researcher and Head, Peace and Conflict Studies Unit
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Dr Ekaterina Stepanova heads Peace and Conflict Studies Unit and is a lead researcher at National Research Institute of the World Economy & International Relations (IMEMO), Moscow. Her research focus is on human security, conflict management, peace-building, insurgencies, terrorism, and political economy of conflicts. She authored several books and 180 other publications on these issues, published in ten languages; her latest one on R2P is a chapter on Russia in *The Oxford Handbook on the Responsibility to Protect* (2016). In 2007-2009, she directed Armed conflicts and conflict management programme at Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). She is a member of the Global Peace Index expert panel and the International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP). For more detail, see www.estepanova.net



Shauna Sylvester

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Shauna has been the founding Executive Director of five initiatives including the SFU Public Square, Carbon Talks and Renewable Cities, two initiatives focused on accelerating the transition to a low-carbon economy, Canada's World – a national citizen engagement initiative on foreign policy., and IMPACS – the Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society, a media and democracy organization that operated in Canada and in conflict and post-conflict zones around the world. During her tenure with IMPACS Shauna was a member of the Canadian Human Security Consortium, led media and peacebuilding programs around the world and oversaw the journalists training program for the International Criminal Court Ratification Process.



Ramesh Thakur

Australian National University (ICISS Commissioner)

Dr. Ramesh Thakur of The Australian National University was formerly Assistant Secretary-General with the United Nations University and Foundation Director of the Balsillie School of International Affairs. His most recent book is *The United Nations, Peace and Security: From Collective Security to the Responsibility to Protect*, 2E (Cambridge University Press, 2017).



Prof. Thomas G. Weiss

The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

Thomas G. Weiss is Presidential Professor of Political Science at the CUNY Graduate Center and 2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellow. He was the ICISS Research Director and has written extensively about international peace and security, humanitarian action, and sustainable development.



Jennifer M. Welsh

Professor and Chair in International Relations
European University Institute
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Jennifer M. Welsh is Professor and Chair in International Relations at the European University Institute and a Fellow of Somerville College, University of Oxford. From 2013-16, she was Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on the Responsibility to Protect. Professor Welsh is the author, co-author, and editor of several books and articles on humanitarian intervention, the evolution of the notion of the ‘responsibility to protect’ in international society, the UN Security Council, and Canadian foreign policy. Her most recent publications include *The Return of History: Conflict, Migration and Geopolitics in the 21st century* (2016) and *The Responsibility to Prevent: Overcoming the Challenges of Atrocity Prevention* (2015). In 2014, she began directing the five-year ERC-funded project ‘The Individualisation of War: Reconfiguring the Ethics, Law and Politics of Armed Conflict’. She also sits on the editorial boards of the journals *Global Responsibility to Protect* and *Ethics and International Affairs*, and the Advisory Boards of the Peace Research Institute in Frankfurt, the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, and the Aushchwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.



Dr. Abi Williams

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Dr. Abi Williams is Centennial Fellow at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. He served as the first President of The Hague Institute for Global Justice from 2013 to 2016. From 2008 to 2012 he served at the United States Institute of Peace first as Vice President of the Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention, and later as Senior Vice President of the Center for Conflict Management. From 2001 to 2007 Dr. Williams was Director of Strategic Planning in the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General. He is former Chair of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS).