



## Invitation

### Operationalising the Responsibility to Prevent

**Jointly convened by the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law, and Armed Conflict and the Centre for International Studies, Oxford**

17 June 2011

**1:15 pm – 5:30 pm**

On Friday, 17 June 2011, the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict and the Centre for International Studies, Oxford will jointly convene an event to analyse R2P's preventive agenda and outline steps that could be taken to enhance the effectiveness of preventive strategies and tools. The recent experiences in both Côte d'Ivoire and Libya demonstrate that R2P was an important factor in the decision by the Security Council to respond in a "timely and decisive" manner to the spectre and evidence of mass atrocities.

Yet, the international community has faced a number of challenges in anticipating the range of policy options available and assessing their appropriateness and likely effects in these different contexts. In addition, while both the ICISS Commission and the Secretary General's 2009 report on R2P emphasise prevention as a core part of the strategy for the implementation of R2P, there is still relatively little research on how mass atrocities should or can be prevented and how we can learn from preventive strategies in previous and on-going cases. The workshop seeks to address these gaps by bringing together scholars and practitioners to examine the normative, political, and operational questions that are raised by structural and proximate R2P prevention, and their long term consequences for the advancement of the principle of R2P in international society.

This event will be held in **Room 8201 at the CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue (between 34th and 35th Streets)**. A light lunch will be served from 12:30 pm onwards. The workshop will be followed by a reception. For further detail **please see the attached program**.

Please write and RSVP to Savita Pawnday at [spawnday@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:spawnday@gc.cuny.edu) by 16 June 2011.

We look forward to seeing you on 17 June.

With kind regards,

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