

The Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, based at the University of Queensland, Australia, is the only regional centre of its kind specifically dedicated to advancing the Responsibility to Protect (or R2P) principle through research and policy dialogue. We conduct outreach activities, including seminars and workshops with various government, civil society and academic stakeholders to build local and regional constituencies seeking to dispel skepticism of and deepen commitment to R2P through country programs and Track II dialogue. The Centre also undertakes policy-relevant research to deepen understanding of the preconditions and causes of mass atrocities, the prevention of mass atrocities in the Southeast Asian context, and mainstreaming R2P in peacekeeping operations. Based on this research, the Centre conducts outreach and training with government and civil society representatives to develop context-sensitive mass atrocities prevention 'toolkits', which include exercises for strengthening skills for mass atrocities risk assessment and crisis preparedness.

In 2011, the Centre has carried out a number of workshops throughout the region and in Africa. New and ongoing research has produced numerous outputs – including the Centre's new 'R2P Ideas in Brief' policy series. Our advocacy and research work continues to expand and we look forward to a productive 2012! If you would like to contact the Centre about any of our programs, research, advocacy activities, policy briefs, or internship opportunities, please visit our website: www.r2pasiapacific.org or email: info@r2pasiapacific.org.

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