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As part of the Empire Strategic Focus, Foreign Policy In Focus asked several experts to weigh in on whether **Responsibility to Protect (R2P)** is an important step forward for the international system or a step backward to great power intervention, and how should the Obama administration approach this doctrine.

Shaun Randol, an independent research consultant and an associate fellow at the World Policy Institute, contributed an article entitled **R2P: No Love in a Time of Cholera** strongly embraced the new principle, while recognizing that it has yet to be invoked and operationalized:

<http://www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/5983>

Trevor Keck and Bridget Moix lead the peaceful prevention of deadly conflict program of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. They emphasized here that **R2P** is about prevention and explores the challenges for the US administration to move

R2P

from a concept to reality: see

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: Focus on Prevention at

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Kevin Fake and Steven Funk, co-authors of the book, "The Scramble for Africa: Darfur-Intervention and the USA" offered a skeptical appraisal of **R2P** with their piece **R2P : Disciplining the Mice, Freeing the Lions**:

<http://www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/5984>

See a following dialogue between these authors on R2P at:

<http://www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/5985>