

GPPi and partners launch project on global norms and the Responsibility to Protect Global Public Policy Institute

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From 1-3 November 2012, in cooperation with the Social Science Research Center Berlin, GPPi hosted a workshop that brought together a team of researchers from around the world. The workshop marked the official launch of a two-and-a-half-year project called Global Norm Evolution and the Responsibility to Protect.

The research project seeks to provide a comprehensive, in-depth analysis of global norm evolution and normative conflict. It focuses on a crucial case: the evolution of a “responsibility to protect” individuals from mass atrocities. This emerging and contested norm challenges the foundations of the existing global order and has become the subject of intense global debate.

From 2012-2015, the research will be carried out by individuals from seven institutions in China, India, Brazil and across Europe. During the Berlin workshop, the partners developed a common research framework and planned their fieldwork and publications.

Michael Zürn, director of the research unit “Transnational Conflicts and International Institutions” at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), offered critical reflections on the project framework. Participants were also joined by Thomas Bagger, head of policy planning at the German Federal Foreign Office. Bagger led a discussion about the Responsibility to Protect and German expectations with regard to the role of rising powers in this debate.

Project and workshop participants included Zhang Haibin of Peking University, C.S.R. Murthy of Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi, Oliver Stuenkel and Matias Spektor of Fundação Getulio Vargas in Rio de Janeiro, Christopher Daase and Julian Junk of Goethe University in Frankfurt, Ricardo Soares de Oliveira of Oxford University and Xymena Kurowska of Central European University in Budapest. (...)

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