**ATROCITY CRIMES PREVENTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS:**

**IMPLEMENTING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT**

DUBROVNIK ATROCITY PREVENTION SCHOOL

18 – 23 May 2025

https://iuc.hr/programme/1967

## **Background**

The prevention of atrocity crimes (genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity), is one of the great challenges of our times. This course offers a unique opportunity to study atrocity prevention and examine the ways in which prevention is practiced in the field alongside some of the world’s leading practitioners and scholars. It examines the causes of atrocity crimes, and how they escalate from patterns of human rights violations, the challenge and practices of early warning and the practical dilemmas associated with translating early warning into early preventive action.

Participants will explore the challenge of assessing the effectiveness of different types of preventions, focusing on preventive diplomacy, field operations, humanitarian action, civil society action, economic inducements and other mean of prevention. During this course, participants will learn different ways of examining and evaluating atrocity prevention, to understand and compare the different actors engaged in this work, to consider the relationship between gender, human rights, and the prevention of atrocity crimes, and to understand, assess and utilise key tools such as preventive diplomacy, peaceful measures, coercive measures, the protection of civilians in complex operations, transitional justice and accountability, and the prevention of recurrence. These insights and skills will be put to the test in a series of exercises.

## **Objectives**

The Dubrovnik Atrocity Prevention School will introduce participants to the foundations and challenges of atrocity prevention and put special emphasis on the implementation of the “responsibility to protect” (R2P) principle agreed by all UN member states in 2005. More specifically, course participants will, inter alia, learn to:

* identify risks for atrocity crimes in a given society
* understand the relationship between certain types of human rights violations and atrocity crimes/risks
* consider which preventive and responsive measures are available in such situation
* analyze the challenges that exist at the national, regional and international level to effective and timely atrocity prevention
* understand the gendered dimensions of atrocity crimes and prevention
* examine good practices that exist in the field of atrocity prevention
* evaluate the potential and impact of various mechanisms and institutions that work on atrocity prevention at the national, regional and international level
* assess the role civil society and regional organizations can play in atrocity prevention

The course will apply a participant-centered learning approach and employ case-studies, presentations, simulations, and excursions. Each course will draw on expert guest lecturers, including members of the Global Network of R2P Focal Points and other practitioners who will be invited to share their experience of working on atrocity prevention.

After completion of the course, student participants can participate in an optional exam which, depending on their home university, will count for 5 ECTS. Details will be announced during the course. After the course, all participants are expected to be able to apply their new knowledge on atrocity prevention in their own field of studies or work assignment.

## **Participants**

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The coursetargets graduate students with a strong academic record and a documented interest in the field of atrocity prevention and R2P.

All course participants are expected to participate actively in the classroom discussions. All teaching will be conducted in English.

## **Expected Outcomes**

The course will create a new group of young leaders on atrocity prevention. The Dubrovnik Atrocity Prevention School will offer all alumni the ability to join an online network to build on the course experience and remain connected with other participants as well as the course directors and other resource persons. This will help to build a community of R2P practitioners.

## **Founding Course Directors**

The Dubrovnik Atrocity Prevention School was originally co-organised by leaders in the field of atrocity prevention with rich experience both in R2P research and implementation:

1. Professor Alex Bellamy, University of Queensland, Australia; Director of the Asia- Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
2. Associate Professor Mario Krešić, University of Zagreb, Croatia
3. Associate Professor Martin Mennecke, University of Southern Denmark; Senior Academic Adviser, International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark
4. Professor Ivan Šimonović, University of Zagreb, Croatia; Former UN Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights and Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect; Former Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations in New York; Member of the UN Human Rights Committee
5. Associate Professor Karen Smith, University of Leiden, The Netherlands; Former Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect
6. Professor Cristina G. Stefan, University of Leeds, United Kingdom; Co-Director of the European Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

## **Course Lecturers for DAPS 2025**

Each year, key academics and practioners join in person to organise the current edition of the Dubrovnik Atrocity Prevention School. This year’s course will benefit from the input and presence of the following experts:

1. Juliette Paauwe, Senior Research and Advocacy Officer, Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
2. Ellen Stensrud, Head of Research Department, Norwegian Centre for Holocaust and Minority Studies

In addition to the course directors, each year, the Dubrovnik Atrocity Prevention School is joined online or in-person by guest lecturers who can make a special contribution to the course due to their expertise and experience in the field of atrocity prevention implementation. They are all listed in the programme below.

## **Important Dates**

Payment of the course fee: 1 May 2025 (in-person participants will have to make an additional payment after arriving in Dubrovnik).

Arrival of the in-person participants in Dubrovnik: Sunday, 18 May 2025 (the programme will start in the afternoon at 15:00; more details to follow).

Start and end of the joint teaching sessions of the course: 18 – 23 May 2025.

## **Course Venue and Modes of Participation**

The course will take place at the Inter-University Centre (IUC) in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Details regarding the venue and address can be found here: <https://www.iuc.hr/>.

As a general rule, participants based in Europe will participate in-person (physical presence) in Dubrovnik, while other applicants can choose online remote participation through an online platform when registering for the course. For any questions in this regard please contact the course coordinator Rafaela (dubrovnikr2p@gmail.com).

## **Registration and Course Fee**

All participants have to register online <https://iuc.hr/programme/1967> (“Apply”) no later than 14 April 2025. Availability is limited.

The Course fee is 100 EUR for in-person participation and 75 EUR for online participation.

All participants have to pay the 75 EUR fee by 1 May. The fee should be paid after your application has been approved and you have received the personal payment information.

Participants who will attend the course in-person have to pay additional 25 EUR fee upon starting the course in Dubrovnik.

**COURSE SCHEDULE FOR 2025**

**Zoom details for students and course lecturers participating online:**

Meeting ID: 824 1854 7432

Passcode: 162094

**SUNDAY, 18 MAY**

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| Dubrovnik time |  |
| 15:00–17:30 | **Atrocity Prevention Simulation (at IUC, in our classroom on the first floor)**Facilitator: [*Jeff Sizemore*](https://www.binghamton.edu/i-gmap/events-news/vp/ay22-23.html) *(Department of State, United States)*(only participants present in Dubrovnik will be able to join) |
| 17:30–19:00  | Guided city tour of Dubrovnik (meeting point: outside the IUC building) |
| 19:00  | Optional dinner at local restaurant “Orhan” (address: Ulica od Tabakarije 1) |

**MONDAY, 19 MAY**

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| Dubrovnik time |  | Brisbane time |
| 8:45 | **Arrival of all Participants at IUC and Online** (to make sure the online participants and those in Dubrovnik can hear each other well, the IUC Staff will conduct a sound check)  | 16:45 |
| 09:00–09:45 | **Official Introduction to the Course, Participants and Lecturers**[*Mario Krešić*](https://www.pravo.unizg.hr/en/mario.kresic) and [*Martin Mennecke*](https://portal.findresearcher.sdu.dk/da/persons/marme) | 17:00–17:45 |
| 10:00–11:00 | **R2P Basics and Challenges: Presentations by Course Participants** **(based on the pre-course group work / see separate document for** **study questions)***Facilitators:* [*Martin Mennecke*](https://portal.findresearcher.sdu.dk/da/persons/marme)and [*Juliette Paauwe*](https://www.globalr2p.org/about/#staff)Jaclyn Streitfeld-Hall and Savita Pawnday, “[R2P and Prevention](https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-030-11795-5_17-1)”, in: Oliver Richmond and Gezim Visoka (eds.) *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Peace and Conflict Studies*, 2020, 1-16Spencer Zifcak, “[Responsibility to protect](https://www.oxfordlawtrove.com/view/10.1093/he/9780198791836.001.0001/he-9780198791836-chapter-16)”, in: Malcolm Evans (ed.), *International Law*, 5th edition, 2018, 484-517 | 18:00–19:00 |

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| 11:15–12:15 | **Let’s be Honest: Isn’t R2P a *Western* Norm and Project?**[*Karen Smith*](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/staffmembers/karen-smith#tab-1)(University of Leiden)Faith Mabera and Yolanda Spies, “How Well Does R2P Travel Beyond the West?”, in: Alex Bellamy and Tim Dunne (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Responsibility to Protect*, 2016, 208-226Hindawi Pison, “Decolonizing the Responsibility to Protect: On pervasive Eurocentrism, Southern agency and struggles over universals”, *Security Dialogue*, vol. 53 (2022), 38–56 Cristina Stefan, The Responsibility to Protect: Locating Norm Entrepreneurship, *Ethics and International Affairs*, vol. 35 (2021), 197-211Ellen Stensrud and Martin Mennecke, [On the Twentieth Anniversary of the Responsibility to Protect: Can Small States Save R2P From Failure and Oblivion?](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/18918131.2024.2426404), *Nordic Journal of Human Rights*, vol. 42 (2024), 435-444 | 19:15–20:15 |
| 12:15–12:45 | **Optional Follow-up for all Online Participants** [*Cristina Stefan*](https://essl.leeds.ac.uk/politics/staff/104/professor-cristina-g-stefan)(University of Leeds)This zoom session will allow online participants to clarify any issues from the first half of the day with some of the lecturers present in Dubrovnik. Depending on how useful this seems to the online participants, we may do this again later during the week.  | 20:15–20:45  |
| 12:15—13:00 | **Official Welcome and Light Reception for all Participants (TBC)**IUC Courtyard (please note: this will not be a full lunch) | N/A |

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| 13:30–14:45 | **The United Nations and R2P** [*Juliette Paauwe*](https://www.globalr2p.org/about/#staff) *(Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)* Edward C. Luck, “[Why the UN Underperforms at Preventing Mass Atrocities](https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1516&context=gsp)”, *Genocide Studies and Prevention*, vol.11 (2018), 32-47Gwendolyn Whidden, [The Role of the UN in Atrocity Response: Limited, but not Obsolete](https://www.justsecurity.org/90812/the-role-of-the-united-nations-in-atrocity-response-limited-but-not-obsolete/), Just Security, 5 January 2024[Podcast](https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/expert-voices-on-atrocity-prevention-episode-18-savita-pawnday/), Expert Voices on Atrocity Prevention: Charles Petrie, Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, 14 October 2021 | 21:30–22:45 |
| 15:00–16:15 | **R2P and ‘Never Again’: Can We Learn from History?**Moderator: Martin Mennecke[*Thorsten Wagner*](https://www.faspe-ethics.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/FASPE_TWagner_Bio.pdf)\*[[1]](#footnote-1) *(Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics, New York, United States)* Harald Welzer, “Did the Holocaust Have an Audience?”, in Nikolaus Hirsch, Wolfgang Lorch and Andrea Wandel (eds.), *Gleis17/Track 17*, 2009, 29-39 (text available in google folder) Timothy Snyder, [Germany’s Historical Responsibility for Ukraine](https://marieluisebeck.de/artikel/20-06-2017/timothy-snyder-germanys-historical-responsibility-ukraine), speech, 20 June 2017Eva Ladipo, [My Family’s Past, and Germany’s, Weigh Heavily Upon Me. And it’s Why I Feel so Strongly About Gaza](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2024/apr/19/family-past-germany-gaza), *Guardian*, 19 April 2024UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence, [Report on Visit to Croatia](https://reliefweb.int/report/croatia/visit-croatia-report-special-rapporteur-promotion-truth-justice-reparation-and-guarantees-non-recurrence-fabian-salvioliahrc5134add1), UN Doc. A/HRC/51/34/Add.1, 19 July 2022, 13-17 | 23:00–00:15 |
| 16:15–16:45 | **Time for follow-up questions and open discussion**This half hour will allow all course participants to follow up on issues raised in today’s sessions together with the course lecturers present in the classroom in Dubrovnik.  | 00:15–00:45 |

**TUESDAY, 20 MAY**

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| Dubrovnik time |  | Brisbane time |
| 9:00–10:00 | **How Do You Work with R2P on the Job? Reflections on the Challenges of R2P in Practice** Karen Smith, Martin Mennecke and Juliette Paauwe[Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act](https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1158/text), 2018U.S. Department of State, “[2022 Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 5 of the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2018](https://www.state.gov/2022-report-to-congress-pursuant-to-section-5-of-the-elie-wiesel-genocide-and-atrocities-prevention-act-of-2018/)”, 15 July 2022U.S. Department of State, [United States Strategy to Anticipate, Prevent and Respond to Atrocities](https://www.state.gov/2022-united-states-strategy-to-anticipate-prevent-and-respond-to-atrocities/), July 2022Martin Mennecke, Never Again? The Role of the Global Network of R2P Focal Points in Preventing Atrocity Crimes, *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, vol. 39 (2021), 161-181Rebecca Barber, [A Proposal for Advancing Implementation of the Responsibility to Protect](https://brill.com/view/journals/gr2p/15/4/article-p361_005.xml?language=en), *Global Responsibility to Protect*, vol. 15 (2023), 361-391 | 17:00–18:00 |
| 10:15–11:15 | **Denmark on the UN Security Council: What Space for R2P?**[*Martin Mennecke*](https://portal.findresearcher.sdu.dk/da/persons/marme)Denmark on the UN Security Council 2025-2026: [Priorities](https://dkonunsc.dk/priorities)Martin Mennecke, The UN Human Rights Council, Denmark and R2P: The Perfect Match?, *Nordic Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 42 (2024), 463-483Asia Pacific Centre for R2P and Global Centre for R2P, [A Framework for Action for the Responsibility to Protect](https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/a-framework-for-action-for-the-responsibility-to-protect-a-resource-for-states/#:~:text=), 2023, 26-27[Podcast](https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/evap-episode-20/), Expert Voices on Atrocity Prevention: Meena Syed, Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, 28 April 2023 | 18:15–19:15 |
| 11:30—12:45 | **Regional Actors and R2P: A Conversation on the Role of The African Union, ASEAN and the European Union** Moderator: Karen Smith*African Union* [*Frank Okyere*](https://gh.linkedin.com/in/frankokyere)\* (*Kofi Annan Peacekeeping*  *Centre, Ghana*)*ASEAN* [*Noel Morada*](https://r2pasiapacific.org/profile/2165/noel)*\* (Asia Pacific Centre for the*  *Responsibility to Protect)**European Union Cristina Stefan (University of Leeds)*Kwesi Aning and Frank Okyere, “The African Union and the Responsibility to Protect”, in Emma Birikorang, Frank Okyere and Kwesi Aning (eds.), *Annual Review of Peace Support Operations in Africa 2017*, 2018,125-139 (text available in google folder)Noel Morada, “[ASEAN and the Rakhine Crisis: Balancing Non-interference, Accountability and Strategic Interests in Responding to Atrocities in Myanmar](https://brill.com/view/journals/gr2p/13/2-3/article-p131_131.xml)”, *Global Responsibility to Protect*, vol. 13 (2021), 131-157Edward Newman and Cristina G. Stefan, “[Normative Power Europe? The EU’s Embrace of the Responsibility to Protect in a Transitional International Order](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jcms.12953)”, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, vol. 58 (2020), 472-490 | 19:30–20:45 |

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| 14:00–15:00 | **Civil Society as the Lone, Real Driver of R2P?** Moderator: Juliette Paauwe[*Mario D’Andrea*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/mario-d-andrea-ca%C3%B1as-406213a7/?originalSubdomain=ve)*\** (*Civilis Human Rights*)[*Elisabeth Pramendorfer*](https://thedialogue.org/expert/elisabeth-pramendorfer)*\* (Global Centre for R2P)*Savita Pawnday, Jaclyn Streitfeld-Hall and Juliette Paauwe, NGOs and the Responsibility to Protect, in: Regina List, Helmut Anheier, and Stefan Toepler (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*, 2022[Podcast](https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/expert-voices-on-atrocity-prevention-episode-28-naomi-kikoler/), Expert Voices on Atrocity Prevention: Naomi Kikoler, Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, 8 December 2023 | 22:00–23:00 |
| 15:15–16:30 | *Halftime*: a structured dialogue in small groups on what we have covered so far – and what is still missing Facilitator: *Karen Smith*  | 23:15–00:30 |

 **WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY**

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| Dubrovnik time |  | Brisbane time |
| 8:45–10:00  | **R2P, Social Media and Hate Speech** Moderator: Cristina Stefan[*Kirril Shields*](https://polsis.uq.edu.au/profile/3963/kirril-shields)\* *(Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)*Federica D’ Alessandra and Ross James Gildea, “[Technology, R2P, and the UN Framework for Analysis for Atrocity Crimes](https://brill.com/view/journals/gr2p/aop/article-10.1163-1875984X-20240002/article-10.1163-1875984X-20240002.xml)," *Global Responsibility to Protect*, vol. 16 (2024) Global Centre for the Responsibilty to Protect, [The Relationship between Digital Technologies and Atrocity Prevention](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.globalr2p.org%2Fpublications%2Fthe-relationship-between-digital-technologies-and-atrocity-prevention%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmarme%40sam.sdu.dk%7C40b0ad050fb84143c3c508dd8122415e%7C9a97c27db83e4694b35354bdbf18ab5b%7C0%7C0%7C638808706315724194%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=X6W8bJkb47xfG4IuktrCmr%2FSq2RQ7CCBRgtKPrDLXZk%3D&reserved=0), 7 March 2024Lelia Green and Viet Tho Le, "[Holding the Line: Responsibility, Digital Citizenship and the Platforms](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-95220-4_5)," in: Terry Flew and Fiona R. Martin (eds.), *Digital Platform Regulations: Global Perspectives on Internet Governance*, 2022, 85-109Imtiaz Khan and Ali Shahaab, "[Facebook Often Removes Evidence of Atrocities in Countries Like Syrian and Myanmar-But We Can Preserve It](https://theconversation.com/facebook-often-removes-evidence-of-atrocities-in-countries-like-syria-and-myanmar-but-we-can-preserve-it-164364)," *Conversation*, 16 July 2021 | 16:45–18:00 |
| 10:15–11:15 | **R2P and the Private Sector** [*Xuwan Ouyang*](https://r2pasiapacific.org/profile/756/xuwan-ouyang) *(Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)*Wim Huisman, Susanne Karstedt and Annika van Baar, “The Involvement of Corporations in Atrocity Crimes,” in: Barbora Hola, Hollie Nyseth Nzitatira and Maartje Weerdestejn (eds.), The Oxford Handbook of Atrocity Crimes, 2022, 393-422Alex Bellamy, “The Private Sector and Atrocities Prevention,” in: John Forrer and Conor Seyle (eds.), The Role of Business in the Responsibility to Protect, 2016, 206-229 | 18:15–19:15 |
| 11:30–12:45 | **R2P, the International Courts and Transitional Justice***Martin Mennecke (University of Southern Denmark)*Kyra Fox, [The Role of Justice in Preventing Mass Atrocities: Evolving Debates and New Directions](https://www.ushmm.org/m/pdfs/The_Role_of_Justice_in_Preventing_Mass_Atrocities_-_Evolving_Debates_and_New_Directions.pdf), Concept Note, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2019 (7 pages)Maartje Weerdesteijn and Barbora Holá, [“Tool in the R2P Toolbox”? Analysing the Role of the International Criminal Court in the Three Pillars of the Responsibility to Protect](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10609-020-09394-x), Criminal Law Forum, vol. 31 (2020), 377-414Martin Mennecke, [The International Court of Justice and the Responsibility to Protect: Learning from the Case of *The Gambia v. Myanmar*](https://portal.findresearcher.sdu.dk/en/publications/the-international-court-of-justice-and-the-responsibility-to-prot), *Global Responsibility to Protect*, vol. 13 (2021), 324-348 | 19:30–20:45 |

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| 14:00–15:00 | **R2P and Gender** *Cristina Stefan (University of Leeds)**Karen Smith (University of Leiden, Netherlands, and former UN Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect, 2019-2021)*UN Secretary-General, [Prioritizing Prevention and Strengthening Response: Women and the Responsibility to Protect](https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/2009954E.pdf), 23 July 2020Cristina G. Stefan, “[Opportunity for Gendering the Responsibility to Protect Agenda at the United Nations?](https://academic.oup.com/isagsq/article/1/3/ksab015/6372969?login=true)”, *Global Studies Quarterly*, vol. 1 (2021), 1-13 | 22:00-23:00 |
| 15:15–16:30 | **Risk Assessments for Atrocity Crimes****in Theory and Practice**[*Juliette Paauwe*](https://www.globalr2p.org/about/#staff) *(Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)* United Nations, [*Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes. A tool for prevention*](https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/about-us/Doc.3_Framework%20of%20Analysis%20for%20Atrocity%20Crimes_EN.pdf), 2014, 1-9Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, [Asia Pacific Regional Outlook: Early Warning Atrocity Crimes](https://r2pasiapacific.org/files/9752/APRO_Feb2023_complete.pdf), February 2023 [US Atrocity Risk Assessment Framework](https://www.state.gov/u-s-atrocity-risk-assessment-framework/), 21 December 2022  | 23:15-00:30 |
| 16:45–18:15 | **Optional: Excursion to the Dubrovnik War Museum** Joint visit with introduction by Rafaela Kresic (course coordinator and graduate of DAPS 2023)International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, [Dubrovnik and Crimes Against Cultural Heritage](https://www.icty.org/en/outreach/documentaries/dubrovnik-and-crimes-against-cultural-heritage), documentary International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, [Case Information Sheet, Dubrovnik: Pavle Strugar](https://www.icty.org/x/cases/strugar/cis/en/cis_strugar_en.pdf)Ivana Polic, [Three Decades On, War’s Legacy Still Overshadows Croatia](https://balkaninsight.com/2021/03/31/three-decades-on-wars-legacy-still-overshadows-croatia/), Balkan Transitional Justice, 31 March 2021 | N/A |

**THURSDAY, 22 MAY**

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| Dubrovnik time |  | Brisbane time |
| 9:00–10:15 | **R2P and Myanmar** [*Ellen E. Stensrud*](https://www.hlsenteret.no/english/about/medarbeidere/forskning/ellen-emilie-stensrud/) *(Norwegian Centre for Holocaust and Minority Studies) and* [*Debbie Stothard*](https://www.auschwitzinstitute.org/people/debbie-stothard-2)*\*, Altsean Burma*Martin Mennecke and Ellen E. Stensrud, “[The Failure of the International Community to Apply R2P and Atrocity Prevention in Myanmar](https://brill.com/view/journals/gr2p/13/2-3/article-p111_111.xml)”, *Global Responsibility to Protect*, vol. 13 (2021), 111-130Nickey Diamond, [Myanmar’s Victims and Survivors Deserve Justice](https://thediplomat.com/2023/04/myanmars-victims-and-survivors-deserve-justice/), *The Diplomat*, 13 April 2023 | 17:00–18:15 |
| 10:30–11:30 | **R2P and Sudan***Juliette Paauwe (Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)*Mike Brand, [Genocide fears in Darfur are attracting little attention − have nations abandoned their responsibility to protect civilians?](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftheconversation.com%2Fgenocide-fears-in-darfur-are-attracting-little-attention-have-nations-abandoned-their-responsibility-to-protect-civilians-212728&data=05%7C02%7Cmarme%40sam.sdu.dk%7Cac8a6fd8e8a345c7b0fd08dd916f543d%7C9a97c27db83e4694b35354bdbf18ab5b%7C0%7C0%7C638826629530064249%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HK1OFx3jyOMYDG2YwZ%2B%2BpvBgWAZJhsbXWT3Dy%2FUuE5g%3D&reserved=0), The Conversation, 18 September 2023Juliette Paauwe, [Twenty years of the Responsibility to Protect and the unfulfilled promise in Darfur,](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.globalr2p.org%2Fpublications%2Ftwenty-years-of-the-responsibility-to-protect-and-the-unfulfilled-promise-in-darfur%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmarme%40sam.sdu.dk%7Cac8a6fd8e8a345c7b0fd08dd916f543d%7C9a97c27db83e4694b35354bdbf18ab5b%7C0%7C0%7C638826629530083678%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UhsHq%2FNzaMsGEZEeEasbqJJlpG3h1p%2FKt83ci3lPhqU%3D&reserved=0) Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, 22 April 2025US Holocaust Memorial Museum, [“History is Repeating Itself in Darfur in the Worst Possible Way” – Halting Genocide in Sudan](https://vault.ushmm.org/adaptivemedia/rendition/id_e516f59d74a96cf058d0b03c7a988f119a492246), Policy Brief, January 2025 | 18:30–19:30 |

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| 11:45–12:45 | **R2P and Croatia** *Mario Krešić (University of Zagreb, Croatia*)Humanitarian Law Centre, [Criminal Charge for the Missing Brothers Abjanović Dismissed](https://zoneofnonresponsibility.net/criminal-charges/criminal-charge-for-the-missing-brothers-abjanovic-dismissed/), Belgrade, 13 March 2019Humanitarian Law Centre, [Dossier: Crimes against Croats in Vojvodina](http://www.hlc-rdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Dosije_Hrvati_u_Vojvodini_eng.pdf), Belgrade, January 2019 (read: summary, 9-10; introduction, 11-16; The disappearance of Mato and Ivica Abjanović, 56-57; parts referring to the village Morović, 19, 21, 22 and 30)United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. [Case: Šešelj, Vojislav](https://www.irmct.org/en/cases/mict-16-99) (MICT-16-99)European Court of Human Rights, [The Admissibility of an Application](https://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/COURTalks_Inad_Talk_ENG.pdf), 2015 (read: temporal jurisdiction, 4) UN General Assembly, [UN Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power](https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/atrocity-crimes/Doc.29_declaration%20victims%20crime%20and%20abuse%20of%20power.pdf), UN Doc. A/RES/40/34, 29 November 1985Velma Saric, Growing Risks of Renewed Mass Atrocities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, [Interview](https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/blog/growing-risks-of-renewed-mass-atrocities-in-bosnia-and-herzegovina), Simon Skjodt Centre for the Prevention of Genocide, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, 17 April 2025 | 19:45–20:45 |
| 14:00–15:00 | **R2P and India?**Moderator: Ellen Stensrud[*Danica Damplo*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/danicadamplo/)*\*, Simon Skjodt Centre for the Prevention of Genocide, US Holocaust Memorial Museum* United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, [Risk of Mass Atrocities in India](https://vault.ushmm.org/adaptivemedia/rendition/id_51d4f5d272fb370a2f4c17a7a5425a65c6404568), Policy Brief, February 2024 | 22:00–23:00 |
| 15:15–16:30 | **R2P in Practice: Reflections on being the UN Special Adviser on R2P**Moderator: [*Mario Krešić*](https://www.pravo.unizg.hr/en/mario.kresic)[*Ivan Simonovic*](https://www.idlo.int/sites/default/files/2023/events/documents/ivan-simonovic-bio_2.pdf) *(UN Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect, 2016-2018)*[*Karen Smith*](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/staffmembers/karen-smith#tab-1) *(UN Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect, 2019-2021)*Edward C. Luck, “[Getting There, Being There: The Dual Roles of the Special Adviser](https://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198753841.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780198753841-e-16)”, in: Alex Bellamy and Tim Dunne (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Responsibility to Protect*, 2016, 288-314Douglas Irvin-Erickson and Ernesto Verdeja,[If the UN and Member States Are Serious About Preventing Atrocities, It’s Time to Reboot a Key Office](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.justsecurity.org%2F106713%2Fun-atrocity-prevention-office-reboot%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmarme%40sam.sdu.dk%7C40b0ad050fb84143c3c508dd8122415e%7C9a97c27db83e4694b35354bdbf18ab5b%7C0%7C0%7C638808706315617575%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0Hx0fYpaE6jXzgRKGYTa8gmoyZyyoD1TlAYOGqqkxl8%3D&reserved=0), Just Security blog, 23 January 2025UN Secretary-General, [Advancing Atrocity Prevention; Work of the Office on Genocide Prevention and R2P](https://undocs.org/A/75/863), 3 May 2021 | 23:15–00:30 |
| 16:30 | **Time to finalise group presentations for Friday**This slot is reserved to allow all groups to finalise their input for Friday’s discussion on applying R2P to the situations in Gaza and Ukraine.  | (optional) |

**FRIDAY, 23 MAY**

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| Dubrovnik time |  | Brisbane time |
| 9:00–10:30 | **Applying R2P to Ukraine and Gaza? How and who?** *Students will present and discuss the results of their group work.* | 17:00–18:30 |
| 10:45–12:15   | **R2P at 20: A Norm in Deep Crisis or Work in Progress? A structured dialogue to reflect on where we stand**Gareth Evans and Jennifer Welsh, [Statement Commemorating Genocide Prevention and Awareness Month and R2P at 20](https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/statement-commemorating-genocide-prevention-and-awareness-month-and-the-responsibility-to-protect-at-20/), 14 April 2025Rebecca Barber, [Does the ‘Responsibility to Protect’ Require States to go to War with Russia?](https://www.justsecurity.org/80833/does-the-responsibility-to-protect-require-states-to-go-to-war-with-russia/), Just Security, 25 March 2022Aidan Hehir, [Another False Success: The Responsibility to Protect and Invasion of Ukraine](https://ecr2p.leeds.ac.uk/another-false-success-the-responsibility-to-protect-and-the-invasion-of-ukraine/), Fresh Perspectives blog, European Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, 4 April 2022Gareth Evans, [Russian Atrocities in Ukraine and the Future of R2P, Address to Young Diplomats Society](https://www.gevans.org/speeches/Speech753.html), University of Melbourne, 17 August 2022Ivan Simonovic, Ukraine: Possible Solutions to the Crisis: “A Human Rights Approach”, in: [Geneva Centre for the Control of Armed Forces (ed.), Ukraine and European Security: Prospects for the Future](https://www.dcaf.ch/osce-focus-ukraine-and-european-security-prospects-future), 2015, 33-49Jeremy Moses, [Gaza and the Political and Moral Failure of the Responsibility to Protect](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17502977.2024.2304987), *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, February 2024Global Centre for R2P, [Atrocities Present, Past and Future – Escalating Crimes and Consequences in Israel and Occupied Palestine](https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/atrocities-present-past-and-future-escalating-crimes-and-consequences-in-israel-and-occupied-palestine/), Commentary, 27 October 2023 | 18:45–20:15 |
| 12:15–12:30 | **Wrap up, information on the exam, evaluation and what you can do about R2P after the course**Mario Krešić and Martin Mennecke | 20:15–20:30 |

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| 14:30–16:00 | **Optional: Tour of the Dubrovnik City Walls** Visit with brief introduction by Rafaela Kresic (course coordinator and graduate of DAPS 2023) | N/A |

**PRE-COURSE AND FURTHER READINGS**

A working background knowledge of international relations, global governance and human rights is assumed, as is some basic knowledge about the responsibility to protect (R2P) and atrocity prevention. All participants are encouraged to read at least parts of the following readings to ensure that all participants have a common starting point for the discussions:

* Scott Straus, [*Fundamentals of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention*](https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/reports-and-resources/fundamentals-of-genocide-and-mass-atrocity-prevention)(Washington, DC: US Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2016)
* Alex J. Bellamy and Edward C. Luck, [*The Responsibility to Protect: From Promise to Practice*](https://www.wiley.com/en-us/The%2BResponsibility%2Bto%2BProtect%3A%2BFrom%2BPromise%2Bto%2BPractice-p-9781509512478)(Cambridge: Polity, 2018)
* Alex J. Bellamy and Tim Dunne (eds.), [*The Oxford Handbook on the Responsibility to Protect*](https://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198753841.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780198753841)(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016)
* Cecilia Jacob and Martin Mennecke (eds.), [*Implementing the Responsibility to Protect: A Future Agenda*](https://www.routledge.com/Implementing-the-Responsibility-to-Protect-A-Future-Agenda/Jacob-Mennecke/p/book/9780367265526) (London: Routledge, 2019)

Students may also wish to familiarize themselves with some other key texts, including:

* Gareth Evans, [*The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for all*](http://www.gevans.org/r2pbook.html) (Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution, 2008)
* Cristina G. Badescu (Stefan), [*Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect: Security and Human Rights*](https://www.routledge.com/Humanitarian-Intervention-and-the-Responsibility-to-Protect-Security-and/Badescu/p/book/9780415532440) (London: Routledge 2011)
* Cristina G. Stefan*,* “[On Non-Western Norm Shapers: Brazil and the Responsibility while Protecting](http://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk/106706/3/Final%20Version%20EJIS%20Brazil%20and%20Norms.pdf)” *European Journal of International Security*, vol. 2 (2017), 88-110
* Cristina G. Stefan, “[The Responsibility to Protect: Locating Norm Entrepeneurship](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/article/responsibility-to-protect-locating-norm-entrepreneurship/22B069AD980489DDA64E85B1F10334D4/share/6ff34f0262e4797073298acbbae400fdde2fc134)”, Ethics and International Affairs, vol. 35 (2021), 197-211
* Sara E. Davies, “[Addressing the Gender Gap in R2P](https://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198753841.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780198753841-e-26)”, in Alex Bellamy and Tim Dunne (eds.), *The* *Oxford Handbook on the Responsibility to Protect* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 489-508
* Martin Mennecke, [*Denmark and the Responsibility to Protect: How to Put Atrocity Prevention into Practice in Danish Foreign Policy*](https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9780429293795-3/denmark-implementation-r2p-martin-mennecke), 2019
* Serena K. Sharma and Jennifer M. Welsh (eds.), [*The Responsibility to Prevent: Overcoming the Challenges of Atrocity Prevention*](https://oxford.universitypressscholarship.com/view/10.1093/acprof%3Aoso/9780198717782.001.0001/acprof-9780198717782)(Oxford: Oxford University Press 2015)
* Annette Jansen, [*Anti-Genocide Activists and the Responsibility to Protect*](https://www.routledge.com/Anti-genocide-Activists-and-the-Responsibility-to-Protect/Jansen/p/book/9780367248031) (Oxon: Routledge, 2017)
* Sheri Rosenberg, Tibi Galis and Alex Zucker (eds.), [*Reconstructing Atrocity Prevention*](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/reconstructing-atrocity-prevention/A84E3B4E44934EC32B494C85FC7D7326)(Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015)
* James Waller, [*Confronting Evil: Engaging our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide*](https://global.oup.com/academic/product/confronting-evil-9780199300709)(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016)
* Ervin Staub, [*Overcoming Evil: Genocide, Violent Conflict and Terrorism*](https://oxford.universitypressscholarship.com/view/10.1093/acprof%3Aoso/9780195382044.001.0001/acprof-9780195382044)(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013)
* European External Action Service, [*EU Responsibility to Protect – Atrocity Prevention Tool Kit*](https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/eu_r2p_atrocity_prevention_toolkit.pdf), September 2018
* USAID, [*Field Guide – Helping Prevent Mass Atrocities*](https://www.usaid.gov/democracy/document/field-guide-helping-prevent-mass-atrocities), April 2015

Many of these books contain extensive case studies. Students should familiarize themselves with the key contemporary and historical cases, some of which are listed above, as the course will make frequent reference to them. Students may also examine some practitioner accounts and writings, including:

* Kofi Annan, [*Interventions: A Life in War and Peace*](https://www.kofiannanfoundation.org/annan-work/interventions-a-life-in-war-and-peace/)(New York: Penguin, 2012).
* Jean-Marie Guéhenno, [*The Fog of Peace: A Memoir of International Peacekeeping in the 21st Century*](https://www.brookings.edu/book/the-fog-of-peace/)(Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution, 2015)
* Romeo Dallaire, [*Shake Hands With the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda*](https://www.penguin.com.au/books/shake-hands-with-the-devil-9781407098746) (London: Da Capo Press; 2004) - Dallaire was commander of UN forces in Rwanda
* John Holmes, [*The Politics of Humanity: The Reality of Relief Aid*](https://headofzeus.com/books/9781781852088)(London: Head of Zeus, 2013)
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