

# Protecting Civilians in Turbulent Times: An Interdisciplinary Workshop

## PROGRAM

### Room 1-42

Balsillie School of International Affairs  
67 Erb Street West, Waterloo, Ontario

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9:00-9:30 Arrival and Coffee
- 9:30-9:45 Welcome and Overview: **Timothy Donais, BSIA**
- 9:45-11:45 **SESSION I: Instruments of Protection: Do they still matter? Did they ever?**  
*Chair/discussant:*  
*Rapporteurs:*  
Speakers:  
**Daniel Levine-Spound** (Harvard University): On International Law as a protection tool  
**Sarah Khan** (Osgoode Hall Law School): On humanitarian protection  
**Rachel Hastie** (Oxfam):
- 12:00-13:00 LUNCH
- 13:00-14:45 **SESSION II: End of an Era? Protection of Civilians and UN Peace Operations**  
*Chair/discussant:*  
*Rapporteurs:*  
Speakers:  
**Lorena Escobal O'Brien (TBC)** (UN Department of Peace Operations):  
Peacekeepers as Protectors: Lessons from UN Peace Operations  
**Jenna Russo** (International Peace Institute):  
**Timothy Donais** (Balsillie School of International Affairs):
- 14:45-15:00 BREAK
- 15:00-16:45 **SESSION III: Civilians and Self-Protection in Crisis Contexts**  
*Chair/discussant:*  
*Rapporteurs:*

Speakers:

**Emily Paddon Rhoads** (Swarthmore College): On Civilian Protective Agency

**Suha Osman** (Nas Al Sudan) On the Crisis in Sudan

**Diego Da Rin** (Haiti Analyst, International Crisis Group): On the Crisis in Haiti

19:00-20:30 **Public Lecture: Title TBC**  
(CIGI Auditorium, Balsillie School of International Affairs)

Speaker:

**Jennifer Welsh, McGill University**

20:30-21:30 RECEPTION  
(Foyer, Balsillie School of International Affairs)

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

8:45-10:30 **SESSION IV: African Solutions to African Problems: The AU and Civilian Protection**  
*Chair/discussant: Ann Fitz-Gerald*, Director, Balsillie School of International Affairs

*Rapporteurs:*

Speakers:

**Amb. Frederic Gateretse-Ngoga** (Political Affairs Peace and Security, African Union)

**Andrew Tchie** (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI))

**Halima Ahmed** (Balsillie School of International Affairs)

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-12:30 **SESSION V: Geopolitics and the Future of Protection**

*Chair/discussant:*

*Rapporteurs:*

Speakers:

**Necla Tschirgi** (TBC) (Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego)

**David Welch** (Balsillie School of International Affairs)

**Daniel Forti** (International Crisis Group)

12:30-13:30 Lunch and Departure