

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: **Reflections on the International Protection 'Toolkit'**

Chair/discussant: Isabela Steflja (BSIA)

Rapporteur: Fabrice Blais-Savoie (BSIA)

Speakers:

Daniel Levine-Spound (Harvard University): *From Nuremberg to Kampala: Prosecuting Aggression and the Protection of Civilians*

Sarah Khan (Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health/Osgoode Hall Law School): *Protection of Civilians - Many Definitions, Common Commitment*

Rita Saade (Protection Advisor, Oxfam): *Rethinking the Protection of Civilians: Supporting Community-Led Responses in Conflict*

12:00-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-14:45 SESSION II: **End of an Era? Protection of Civilians and UN Peace Operations**

Chair/discussant: Alistair Edgar (BSIA)

Rapporteur: Hannah Barbero (BSIA)

Speakers:

Lorena Escobal O'Brien (Protection of Civilians Team, UN Department of Peace Operations): *The Evolution of PoC in UN Peace Operations*

Timothy Donais (Balsillie School of International Affairs): *Protection, Stabilization and the Future of UN Peace Operations*

Ayiko Solomon (Peace for All Canada): *Protection through Presence: Building Trust and Common Values for Civilian Safety*

14:45-15:00 BREAK

15:00-16:45 SESSION III: **Civilians and Self-Protection in Crisis Contexts**
Chair/discussant: Nathan Funk (Conrad Grebel University College)
Rapporteur: Leonardo Lombardi (BSIA)

Speakers:

Emily Paddon Rhoads (Swarthmore College): *Understanding Civilian Self-Protection: Research Insights, Challenges, and Future Directions*

Suha Osman (Nas Al Sudan): *Resilience and Crisis: Civilian Protection Measures in Sudanese Communities*

Diego Da Rin (Haiti Analyst, International Crisis Group): *Filling the Security Void: The Rise of Vigilante Brigades in Haiti*

19:00-20:30 **Public Lecture: Protecting Civilians in Turbulent Times**
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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, BSIA)
Rapporteur: Dawit Kebede (BSIA)

Speakers:

Amb. Frederic Gateretse-Ngoga (Political Affairs Peace and Security, African Union): *The African Union and Protection of Civilians*

Halima Ahmed (Balsillie School of International Affairs): *The Civilian Protection Role of the AU and Civil Society in the Horn of Africa*

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10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-12:30 SESSION V: **Concluding Roundtable: Geopolitics and the Future of Protection**
Chair: Timothy Donais (BSIA)
Rapporteur: Anastasia Papadopoulos (BSIA)

Speakers:

Necla Tschirgi (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