

## **5<sup>th</sup> Responsibility to Protect in Theory and Practice Conference 20 Years: Idea, Inaction, and Implementation**

**Liverpool, 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021**

### Call for Papers

In 2001, the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty published its report on 'The Responsibility to Protect', paving the way for the idea to be adopted by the international community at the 2005 World Summit. For 20 years, the concept of the Responsibility to Protect has developed from its initial idea, faced the inaction of States and the United Nations Security Council, but has also seen progress in its implementation by 'R2P Focal Points' and in the UN General Assembly.

To mark 20 years since the publication of the report, the Organising Committee invites abstracts to be submitted for a two-day conference in June 2021, to be held in Ormskirk, just outside of Liverpool, United Kingdom. **Please use the form at the end of this document for submissions.**

#### **About the Conference**

*The Responsibility to Protect In Theory and Practice Series* is a series of biennial international interdisciplinary conferences established by the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. The series is devoted exclusively to the concept of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P/RtoP), with the objective to create an opportunity for scholars and practitioners to engage in an interdisciplinary academic debate on the theoretical and practical implications of the concept. The conferences are organised as a forum where international experts and researchers have the opportunity to participate in a discourse on issues related to R2P and the applicability of the concept in practice.

Since 2013, the conference has been hosted by the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana. This year, the conference will be hosted outside of its home venue by the International Justice and Human Rights Unit, Edge Hill University, bringing together colleagues from the University of Ljubljana, the European Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (ECR2P), and the British International Studies Association's Working Group on Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect for a special 20-year anniversary event.

The Organising Committee is pleased to confirm that **Dr Simon Adams, of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect**, will be giving a keynote address at the conference. Further speakers will be confirmed soon.

The 2021 Conference will take place in a hybrid form: panellists and attendees can participate either in person, or online. More details on the venue, and contingencies in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, are outlined below.

#### **Publishing Opportunity**

The conference aims to produce a special issue of papers, subject to peer review, in the *Global Responsibility to Protect Journal*. More details on the publication process will be published in due course.

## How the Conference will work

### COVID-19 and a Hybrid Conference

Because we are living in unprecedented times, this conference will take place both online and in-person, to ensure the event is as accessible as possible for all participants and attendees.

**By taking this approach, the opportunities to participate in this conference can be much more inclusive, allowing people who may not normally be able to travel to the UK to participate in this event.**

Panellists will have the option of attending in-person or presenting remotely online.

Attendees will be able to join the conference live, online, and interact with the speakers and panellists through online Q&As. When registration opens, there will be a limited number of spaces for attendees to purchase and register for in-person attendance.

Should coronavirus restrictions be eased, numbers for in-person attendance will be increased accordingly. However, should restrictions be tightened, or the UK enter a further 'Lockdown' situation, numbers for attendance will be reduced, or the conference will be moved online completely.

### The Venue

Owing to these uncertain times, confirmation of the conference venue is predicated on coronavirus restrictions and venue policies allowing such a conference to go ahead. Therefore, the final venue will be confirmed in the coming weeks, and as far in advance as possible for those wishing to attend in-person. However, we can indicate that the Conference will take place on either at a venue in **Liverpool City Centre**, or on Campus at **Edge Hill University**. As soon as we have confirmation of this, we will provide further details.



*Law & Psychology Building, Edge Hill University*

However, should campus or regional government restrictions mean that either venue is unavailable, then further updates will be provided as soon as possible.

The conference website [www.R2Pconference.com](http://www.R2Pconference.com) will provide details on how to travel to the conference venue.

More information on travel, suggested accommodation (and accommodation available on Edge Hill University Campus) will be announced in due course.



## Abstract Submission Form

Please send an abstract of no more than 300 words along with a short biography (no more than 200 words) to [IJHR@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:IJHR@edgehill.ac.uk) and [R2P@pf.uni-lj.si](mailto:R2P@pf.uni-lj.si)

Abstract Submission Form	
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<b>Short Biography</b>	

The deadline for submissions is **8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.  
Notification of acceptance will be given by **19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference.

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