



# IMPLEMENTING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: FROM WORDS TO ACTION?

On Thursday, 14 June, 2018 at 15:00–16:30  
At the Seminar Hall  
Arkadiankatu 23, entrance H (inner courtyard), Helsinki

The principle of the Responsibility to Protect, and its objective of preventing and halting mass atrocities, has been widely accepted. The primary role of states to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity is complemented with the responsibilities of the international community. But how is Responsibility to Protect implemented in practice? What can be learnt from experiences so far? What is Finland's stance on the Responsibility to Protect? How can the International Criminal Court contribute? The aim of the seminar is to bring together various experts to discuss the current standing of the Responsibility to Protect and its implementation.

*Speakers:*

**Marja Lehto**, Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

**Hanna S. Tetteh**, Co-Facilitator of the High Level Revitalization Forum for South Sudan

**William Pace**, Convenor of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court

**Katja Creutz**, Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

*Chair:*

**Mika Aaltola**, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

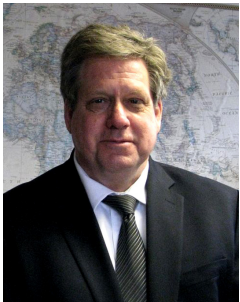
## Biographies



**Marja Lehto** serves as the National Focal Point for the Responsibility to Protect of Finland. She also serves as a member of the United Nations International Law Commission for the term 2017–2021. Before her current position, Dr Lehto served as Ambassador to Luxembourg (2009–2014), Director for the Unit of Public International Law (2000–2009) and as Counsellor for the Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN (1995–2000). She has held numerous international positions, such as chairing the Executive Board of Justice Rapid Response (2014–2018), and she has broad experience of international negotiations. She has also published extensively in the field of international law. Ambassador Lehto has obtained several academic degrees and she holds a PhD in International Law from the University of Lapland. She is Associate Professor of International Law at the University of Helsinki.



**Hanna S. Tetteh** is the Co-Facilitator of the High Level Revitalization Forum for South Sudan and Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow at Robert Bosch Academy in Germany. She became a Barrister-at-Law upon graduation from Ghana Law School in 1992. She served in the cabinet of Ghana as Minister for Trade and Industry from 2009 to 2013 and as Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2013 to 2017. She has also served from 2014 to 2015 as the Chairperson of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers and the ECOWAS Mediation & Security Council. Before her political career she held multiple positions in the Ghanaian private sector as a legal practitioner, as well as General Manager for Ghana Agro Food Company (GAFCO).



**William Pace** has served as the Convenor of the Coalition for an International Criminal Court since its founding in 1995. He is the Executive Director of the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP) and is a co-founder and steering committee member of the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect. He has been engaged in international justice, rule of law, environmental law, and human rights for the past 30 years. He served as the Secretary-General of the Hague Appeal for Peace, among other positions. He is the President of the Board of the Center for United Nations Reform Education, President of the Center for Development of International Law, as well as a co-founder of the NGO Working Group on the United Nations Security Council. Mr. Pace received the Cox Price Award for Human Rights at the University of Denver and the Human Rights Medal from the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights for his achievements in the establishment of the ICC. He has authored numerous articles and reports on international justice, international affairs and UN issues, multilateral treaty processes, and civil society participation in international decision-making.



**Katja Creutz** is Senior Research Fellow at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs in the Global Security programme. Her main field of expertise is international law and especially issues of responsibility, human rights and global governance. Ms Creutz holds a Doctor of Laws and Master of Laws programme degrees from the University of Helsinki and a Master of Political Science degree from Åbo Akademi University. Ms Creutz has previously worked as Research Fellow at the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights of the University of Helsinki.



**Mika Aaltola** is the Programme Director of the Global Security research programme at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. His areas of expertise are US foreign and domestic policies as well as the international system and major-power relations. He has been a visiting researcher in universities in the US and France, and he holds the rank of docent from the University of Tampere.