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Centre for Peace and  
Conflict Studies

# What Works and What Doesn't?

## New Directions in Conflict Intervention

As the security environment is changing, at both global and regional levels, the international community faces new tasks and challenges. Recent experience and research suggest that both military and non-military methods need to be carefully calibrated and, in some cases, reformed, if they are to deliver on priority goals - to protect communities against violence, and bring about reconstruction and reconciliation, on a sustainable basis. This conference explores the recently debated security-development nexus, interactions of military and aid interventions in conflict areas and their impact on societies ravaged by violent conflict.

**Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, 9 am - 5 pm**

Holme and Sutherland Rooms  
The University of Sydney Camperdown campus  
Holme Building A09, Science Road

## Morning session

### 9.00 Registration

For details please see the end of this schedule.

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### 9.30 Welcome address

***Professor Gavin Brown AO FAA CorrFRSE***

Vice-Chancellor and principal of the University of Sydney

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### 9.40 Panel 1: Field experience

Merging of security and development: how the military and aid agencies can cooperate more to improve interventions

*Chair: Associate Professor Jake Lynch, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, USYD*

#### **How aid efforts could cross with military intervention**

***Lieutenant General David Hurley***

Chief of Joint Operations, Australian Defence Force

#### **The role of development assistance in conflict intervention**

***Andrew Hewett***

Executive Director of Oxfam Australia

Vice President of the Australian Council for International Development

#### **How military intervention could cross with aid efforts**

***Maj Gen (Retd) Michael G. Smith, AO***

CEO of Austcare

Former Deputy Force Commander for the UN Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)

### 10.40 Discussion

### 11.10 Morning tea

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### 11.30 Keynote address + discussion

***Professor Paul Collier***

Professor of Economics, Oxford University

### 12.30 Lunch break

## Afternoon session

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### 1.30 **Panel 2: Ethics of Interventions and Aid**

Philosophical views: how can military and aid interventions be justified on moral grounds?

*Chair: Professor Duncan Ivison, School of Philosophical and Historical Enquiry, USYD*

**The ethics of humanitarian war**

***Professor C.A.J. (Tony) Coady***

Professorial Fellow, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne

**The ethics of aid/international assistance**

***Professor Thomas Pogge***

Professorial Fellow, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, Australian National University

**The role of political economy in interventions**

***Professor Frank Stilwell***

Chair of the Department of Political Economy, Faculty of Arts, University of Sydney

### 2.30 **Discussion**

### 3.00 **Afternoon tea**

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### 3.30 **Panel 3: New actors, new directions**

Challenges and opportunities for key players in conflict intervention

*Chair: Annie Herro, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, USYD*

**The UN, peacebuilding and civil society**

***Dr Wendy Lambourne***

Lecturer, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney

**Journalist training as a media intervention in conflict zones**

***Associate Professor Jake Lynch***

Director of Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney

**Challenging the conventional wisdom: does aid alleviate violent tensions?**

***Jaroslav Petrik***

Visiting Scholar, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney

### 4.30 **Discussion**

### 5.00 **Conference concludes**

**Professor Paul Collier** is a world-renowned scholar in political economy and development. The author of the “conflict trap” concept, in his most recent book *The Bottom Billion* he explains why the poorest countries fail to develop. As a Director of the Development Research group at the World Bank from 1998 to 2003 his work has had a profound policy impact; he continues to advise on policies to heads of states and leaders worldwide. He holds a Distinction Award from Oxford University, and has won the Edgar Graham Prize.

**Lieutenant General David Hurley** has served as Director of Preparedness and Mobilisation, Head of Capability Systems, Land Commander, Chief Defence Capability Development Group before he was appointed Chief of Joint Operations (COJPS) in 2007. In 1991 he assumed command of 1 RAR which he led during Operation SOLACE (Somalia) in 1993. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for this service. In 1999 he oversaw the transition of the 1st Brigade in Darwin to a higher level of operational readiness in support of Australian led operations in East Timor.

**Andrew Hewett** became Executive Director of Oxfam Australia (formally Oxfam Community Aid Abroad) in October 2001, having worked with OCAA since 1991. He initially established the agency's advocacy program and later his responsibilities expanded to include Oxfam Australia's domestic program and the coordination of Oxfam International's response to the crisis in Timor from 1999 - 2001. Andrew is a Vice President of the Australian Council for International Development, the peak council of non-government overseas development agencies.

**Major General Michael G. Smith, AO** has held command appointments from platoon to brigade level. He was involved in interventions in Cambodia, East Timor, Kashmir and Papua New Guinea. Retiring in 2002, he was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Austcare, a humanitarian aid and development NGO focused on human security and poverty reduction in emergency, conflict and post-conflict situations, notably through protection, peacebuilding and sustainable development of displaced people.

**Professor Tony Coady** has published extensively on epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, ethics and political philosophy. Recently he has focused on issues connected with war, intervention and terrorism. As a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace in 1999-2000, he published a Peaceworks issue titled *The Ethics of Armed Humanitarian Intervention*. He is now a Professorial Fellow in Applied Philosophy in the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne.

**Professor Thomas Pogge** is a prolific writer and lecturer. Having received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Harvard under John Rawls, Pogge has published widely on Kant and in moral and political philosophy, including books on Rawls and global justice. He holds appointments at Columbia University and the University of Oslo and the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE) at the Australian National University.

**Professor Frank Stilwell** is an expert in Australian economic policies, urban and regional development and economic inequality. He is a well-known critic of conventional economics and an advocate of alternative economic strategies which prioritise social justice and economic sustainability. In addition to a number of journal articles and book chapters, he has authored ten books, his most recent being *Who Gets What?: Analysing Economic Inequality in Australia*. (2006). He has taught at the Department of Political Economy at the University of Sydney for 30 years.

**Associate Professor Jake Lynch** is Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Sydney. He has published extensively on peace journalism. He was previously a professional journalist, having worked as an international reporter and news anchor for BBC World. He has led training workshops for editors and reporters in countries including Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines, for clients including the British Council and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian government.

**Dr Wendy Lambourne** has been Academic Coordinator at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney, since 2003. Wendy's research is concerned with analysing and evaluating transitional justice, reconciliation and peacebuilding after mass violence. Her regional research focus is on Africa and Asia/Pacific and she has conducted field research in Cambodia, East Timor, Rwanda and Sierra Leone. Her publications include chapters in Mohammed Abu-Nimer (ed.), *Reconciliation, Justice, and Coexistence: Theory and Practice* (Lexington Books, 2001) and Ustinia Dolgopol & Judith Gardam (eds), *The Challenge of Conflict: International Law Responds* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2006).

**Jaroslav Petrik** focuses on the securitization of aid, particularly with connection to the war on terror. He explores how the threat of terrorism shapes official aid policies and how these policies in turn interact with environments which breed terrorists. A PhD candidate, based at the Faculty of Social Studies in Masaryk University, Brno, the Czech Republic, he is currently a visiting scholar at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney, and Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University.

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**Please register** by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January by e-mail ([arts.cpacs@usyd.edu.au](mailto:arts.cpacs@usyd.edu.au)) or fax (+61 2 9660 0862). Include your full name, billing address, phone number, e-mail address and organizational affiliation. **Payments:** AUD 80 full price / AUD 50 concession; includes conference materials, lunch and morning and afternoon tea. For further enquiries please call +61 2 9351 7686.