Nuclear Winter: Catastrophic Climatic Impacts of Nuclear Weapons Use
Professor Alan Robock, Rutgers University
Co-Hosted by the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney and People for Nuclear Disarmament (PND)

The U.S. and Russian arsenals can still produce a nuclear winter. A war between India and Pakistan, using less than 1% of the current global nuclear arsenal, could produce unprecedented climate change, with huge impacts on global agriculture for more than a decade.

Professor Robock was one of the first people to study the climatic impacts of large amounts of soot from burning cities in the upper atmosphere during the early 1980s. Recent work with Professor Brian Toon and others, using modern climate models, has not only validated earlier results, but shown even longer-lasting impacts.

Professor Robock’s work has led to an increasing emphasis on the catastrophic humanitarian effects of nuclear weapons at United Nations disarmament meetings. His most recent publication together with Brian Toon is Self Assured Destruction in the prestigious Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

His lecture at CPACS will be his only public appearance in Australia: media may attend.

The Human Survival Project was launched by Colonel Valery Yarynich, formerly of the Soviet and Russian Strategic Rocket forces, in August 2012. He died in December 2012. This lecture is dedicated to his memory.

When: Friday, 25 January 2013, 5 - 6:30pm
Where: Room 114/CPACS Poster Gallery, Mackie Building, Arundel Street, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE
RSVP: peter.king@sydney.edu.au

100% Renewable Energy: Realistic or Ridiculous?
Hosted by the Northside Forum

Speakers

Dr Richard Corkish (BEng RMIT, PhD UNSW)
Head, School of Photovoltaic & Renewable Energy Engineering, University of NSW
Research focus on solar energy. Visiting Professor to Universities throughout Asia

John Gaskell B.Sc. (Hons) (Elec Eng), C Eng. FIET
Director, Electrical & Information Technology Foundation, University of Sydney
Former CEO (Aust. & NZ) of ABB, a global leader in power technologies

Mike Smart, BA Magna Cum Laude (Astrophysics)
Director, Sapere Research Group. Advisor to industrial leaders in electricity & mining
Economist specialising in competition law and network regulation

When: Saturday 2 February 2013, 12:00 noon
Where: Upstairs Function Room, The Union Hotel, 271 Pacific Highway, North Sydney
Cost: FREE (Donations Welcome)
One issue that could seriously derail the aspiration of prosperity in the Asian Century is an escalation of the rivalry between China and Japan into a mendacious dispute over islands in the East China Sea. The hope is that a military dispute can be avoided. But that is far from certain, and bad blood between Asia’s largest economies is at best a diversion and at worst a disaster.

Both countries have new leaders. On the left is China’s president, Xi Jinping who is the son of Xi Zhongxun, a revolutionary hero of the Communist Party in the fight to drive the Japanese invaders out of China.

On the right is Shinzo Abe, brought back as Japan’s prime minister, at least partly on a high-rhetoric platform of rewriting the country’s constitution, and building its strength. Mr Abe is the grandson of Nobusuke Kishi, a World War II cabinet minister who played a role in the Japanese occupation of Manchuria.

However, since the election, Abe has toned down the rhetoric of increased defence spending while visiting some of the region’s most important countries, including Indonesia and Vietnam, to seek support against what both they and Japan see as Chinese aggression.

Dr Reilly is a noted and respected scholar of Chinese foreign policy, East Asian politics, and international relations. He is the author of *Strong Society, Smart State: The Rise of Public Opinion in China’s Japan Policy* (Columbia University Press, 2012), and the co-editor of *Australia and China at 40* (UNSW Press, 2012).


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**Masculinity and Modernity Symposium**

*Co-Hosted by The Gender and Modernity Group, School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, and Department of Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney*

In the last decade, scholarship on masculinity has reached a point of critical saturation. The symposium will take stock of this work by reflecting on the broad framework of modernity in relation to masculinity studies. Emerging as a new interdisciplinary field in the wake of the institutional success of gender studies, the study of masculinity has drawn fruitfully from other disciplines, including cultural studies, literary studies, media and film studies, sociology, health, cultural history, anthropology and legal studies. This symposium will bring together scholars from across a range of disciplines and interdisciplinary fields to explore the ways modernity has informed the specificities and locations of masculinity as a lived, embodied and representational site. In reflecting on past and present orientations of masculinity studies, the symposium will explore critical positions for the future.

**Keynote Speakers:**

* Professor Kam Louie, Hong Kong University
* Professor Christopher E. Forth, University of Kansas

**Plenary Address:**

Professor Raewyn Connell, University of Sydney

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**When:** 7 - 8 February 2013  
**Where:** Room 446, Level 4, Law School Building, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney  
**Cost:** FREE (RSVP required)  
**RSVP and More Information:** Nancy Lee - nancy.lee@sydney.edu.au
The Future of Responsibility to Protect
The Inaugural Globalisation and Governance Research Network
Public Seminar

Co-Hosted by the Globalisation and Governance Research Network, UNSW
and the Australian Human Rights Centre

Papers:
Communicative Action and the Responsibility to Protect: the Case of Libya
Professor Tim Dunne and Professor Kath Gelber

This paper examines international debate between actors in the UN Security Council and key regional bodies before, during and after the NATO-led intervention in Libya in March 2011, from the perspective of Habermas’ communicative action. It makes a contribution to three inter-linked debates about moral argumentation in world politics in relation to the responsibility to protect norm: how and why a consensus was established on military action? How and why this was punctuated so soon after the bombing began? And, lastly, what this tells us about the possibilities and limits of communicative action in relation to forging an agreement on coercive intervention.

Outdated and Useless: R2P after Libya and Syria
Dr Christopher Michaelsen

The paper challenges the widespread assertion in the public and academic discourse that the military intervention in Libya was a successful first true test of the doctrine of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P). It argues that if anything, the Libyan and Syrian crises demonstrate an urgent need to move away from R2P and call for an exploration of alternative legal and political frameworks with the potential of minimising the catastrophic humanitarian costs of intra-state conflict.

Speakers:
Tim Dunne is Professor of International Relations in the School of Political Science and International Studies, and Research Director at the Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, University of Queensland. In addition to IR theory, he has published on human rights, intervention, foreign policy, and internationalism. He has written and edited ten books, which include Terror in our Time co-authored with Ken Booth (Routledge, 2012). He is currently an editor of the European Journal of International Relations. He serves on the governing council of the International Studies Association, and is President of the Asia Pacific regional section.

Katherine Gelber is Professor of Public Policy, and Australian Research Council Future Fellow in the School of Political Science & International Studies at the University of Queensland. Her research is in human rights, with a particular emphasis on freedom of speech and the regulation of hate speech. In 2011 she was the Australian Expert Witness at a United Nations’ Asia-Pacific regional meeting discussing States’ compliance with the free speech and racial/religious hatred provisions of international law. She is the recipient of several ARC grants and has published widely in top-ranked journals including Political Studies, Review of International Studies and Contemporary Political Theory.

Christopher Michaelsen is a Senior Lecturer at the UNSW Faculty of Law and the Director of Human Rights and Social Justice Programs. A member of the Australian Human Rights Centre, he teaches and specialises in public international law, human rights and international security. Prior to joining UNSW, he served at the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Warsaw, and at the Department for Disarmament Affairs in the UN Secretariat in New York.

When: Tuesday 19 February 2013, 3 - 5pm
Where: Room M11, Chem Sciences Building, University of New South Wales
Cost: FREE
RSVP: Diane MacDonald - diane.macdonald@unsw.edu.au

Images courtesy of Reuters
In Conversation with Ahdaf Souief, Egyptian novelist and journalist

Tasmania: The Tipping Point?

Panelists

Peter Thompson, our panel chair, is a broadcaster, educator, author and communication consultant. He is a Fellow of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government where he teaches executive programs in communication strategy and adaptive change, risk and crisis communication and behavioural change. He presented ABC TV’s Talking Heads for six seasons. His books include *Persuading Aristotle* and *The Secrets of the Great Communicators*.

Professor Cassandra Pybus is an ARC Professorial Fellow at the University of Sydney. She is a writer and historian and the author of eleven books including the controversial biography *The Devil and James McAuley*, which won the Adelaide Festival Award for Non Fiction in 2000 and *Black Founders* (2006). When not in Sydney or various cities in the United States, she lives in Hobart.

Natasha Cica is director of the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society at the University of Tasmania. In 2012 she was awarded an inaugural Sidney Myer Creative Fellowship. Natasha has worked as a lawyer, political adviser and policy analyst in Europe and Australia. Her recent book is *Pedder Dreaming: Olegas Truchanas and A Lost Tasmanian Wilderness* (2011). Natasha has previously contributed to *Griffith REVIEW* editions *Food Chain, Divided Nation and Webs of Power*.

Jonathan West is director of the Australian Innovation Research Centre, at the University of Tasmania, with a brief to research key issues in the areas of innovation performance, economic development, and public policy. His essays ‘A new globalisation’ and ‘More than a gift from the gods’ have appeared in *Griffith REVIEW* editions 25 and 28.

When: Tuesday 19 February 2013, 6 - 7:30pm
Where: Law School Foyer, Law School Building, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (No RSVP required)

Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

*Berlin Doctoral Fellowships in Social Sciences*

The Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (IDHR) enjoys international linkages with several institutions, including Germany’s leading social science research institute, the WZB. IDHR has a PhD collaboration agreement with the WZB in support of short-term visits by doctoral students at the University of Sydney in any field of the social sciences.

Information on WZB can be found here: WZB: [http://www.wzb.eu/en](http://www.wzb.eu/en)

The fellowships allow for a contribution of up to $5,000 towards airfare and living costs for a three-month period at WZB. The fellowships are tenable between mid-April and mid-July 2013. If successful in obtaining a fellowship, you will be asked to submit a follow-up report on your research.

Applications for 2013 open on the 4th December 2012 and will close Wednesday 20th February 2013. Successful applicants will be notified by Tuesday 5th March 2013

Application Forms are available at www.sydney.edu.au/arts/idhr
Completed applications must be submitted electronically to idhr@sydney.edu.au
The Sydney Centre for International Law at Sydney Law School is delighted to present the inaugural International Law Year in Review Conference.

The conference will give participants insight into the latest developments in international law over the preceding year, especially those most salient for Australia.

Speakers at the conference will include leading academics, practitioners and government lawyers, and will provide an in-depth and critical analysis of contemporary developments in international law on topical themes, including Australia’s participation in international cases in the International Court of Justice and the World Trade Organization.

Participation will enable lawyers and non-lawyers alike to remain abreast of important trends in international affairs.

Session topics will include Major International Law Cases of 2012, Australia’s Treaty Making, Developments in Private International Law, Developments in International Economic Law, Developments in Human Rights and Refugee Law and Developments in International Law and Security.
In Conversation with Ahdaf Souief, Egyptian novelist and journalist
Hosted by Sydney Ideas

Sydney Ideas is pleased to host an evening with Egyptian writer Ahdaf Souief, in conversation with Lucia Sorbera. Souief will read from her body of works and discuss her latest book *Cairo: my city, our revolution.*

Souief was born and brought up in Cairo. A successful novelist moving between London and Cairo, she returned to Cairo when Egyptian Revolution erupted on January 25th 2011 and, along with thousands of others, called Tahrir Square home for eighteen days. As the events in Egypt unfolded, she reported for The Guardian newspaper and her access to insider information played a key role in outsider understanding of the Arab Spring. Her published account of her participation in the revolution *Cairo: My city, our revolution* is a compelling blend of reporting and memoir as she not only chronicles the minutiae of a revolution but offers a lyrical portrait of the history of a city she, and many millions of other Cairenes, love fiercely and fought to protect.

**Ahdaf Souief** is the author of the bestselling novel *The Map of Love* (shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1999 and translated into 28 languages), as well as the well-loved *In the Eye of the Sun* and the collection of short stories, *I Think of You*. Souief is also a political and cultural commentator and writes regularly for The Guardian in the UK and has a weekly column in al-Shorouk in Egypt. In 2007 Ms Souief founded Engaged Events, a UK based charity. Its first project is the Palestine Festival of Literature which takes place in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin and al-Khalil/Hebron.

**Lucia Sorbera** is a lecturer in Arabic, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Sydney. Her areas of research include the Arab novel and gender and culture in the Arab world.

**Ahdaf Souief is in Australia as a guest of the Perth Writers’ Festival and Adelaide Writers’ Week**

**When:** Tuesday 26 February 2013, 6 - 7:30pm

**Where:** Seymour Centre, Crn City Rd and Cleveland St, Chippendale, Sydney

**Cost:** $20 Adults/$15 Concession. Free for university of Sydney Staff, students and Alumni (registration essential; link below)


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**Everything Political** is an events newsletter designed to publicise details of all forthcoming research and public events in the field of politics, very broadly defined. The newsletter is not confined to events (co-)hosted by the University of Sydney; it hopes to include all interested parties who wish to publicise and promote politics-themed events. Everything Political will be published on the last Thursday of each month.

Everything Political is a new public service to all members of staff, and to interested publics outside the University. Its main purpose is to raise the level of visibility and co-operation among research and teaching staff interested in politics. The newsletter will enable people to plan their events in advance, so avoiding clashes and duplication.

**Event Submission**

Everything Political is an initiative of staff based at the University of Sydney, the University of Western Sydney and the University of New South Wales. It will be published on the last Thursday of each month. If you wish to submit details of an event for inclusion in the newsletter, please email: sdi@sydney.edu.au by the 17th of the month. We require the following information for every event:

- Brief summary of the event, including titles, speakers, relevant subject details and details of the sponsoring organisations
- When, where (maps included, where possible), cost and RSVP or further information details
- An image in JPEG, GIF or High Res format related to your event

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