



# The International Criminal Court and the Responsibility to Protect

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The 2005 UN World Summit stated that each State had the “responsibility to protect its populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity”. As it did so, the project on the “responsibility to protect” (R2P) came to overlap with the province of international criminal justice and especially with the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC). This raises some important questions. What is the relationship between political action undertaken through R2P and judicial action by the ICC? How might their respective fields of operation be coordinated?

The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights (ECI) at the University of Helsinki will organize a conference on 3-4 December 2010 with the intention of examining the interface between the political project of “responsibility to protect” and the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (“R2P/ICC”). The conference is organized with the sponsorship of the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and its aim is to provide critical and intellectually rigorous guidance for policy-makers working in the two fields.

The conference is intended to have three sessions:

1. “The ICC and R2P, from Promise to Practice”
2. “The Politics of the ICC and R2P”
3. “The Road ahead”

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The application form and further instructions can be found at the ECI homepage: [www.helsinki.fi/eci](http://www.helsinki.fi/eci)