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**U of T Roundtable Discussion on the ISIL & Confronting Non-State Terrorism**

TORONTO, ON- The ISIL has claimed responsibility for the horrific terrorist attacks that occurred on Friday, November 13, 2015 in Paris. These attacks claimed the lives of at least 129 people and wounded over 300 civilians, amounting to the worst assault on French soil since WWII.

On Friday, Nov 20, 2015, at the Munk School of Global Affairs, please join us for a panel discussion on “Understanding the ISIL & Confronting Non-State Terrorism,” featuring Naomi Kikoler, Prof. Arne Kislenko, Prof. Ron Levi, and Prof. Kathleen Davis. The roundtable will take place from 12pm to 2pm in Room 208N of the Munk School of Global Affairs, 1 Devonshire Place, University of Toronto.

This roundtable will bring together a panel of experts from the academia and civil society. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are free of charge. To register, please email [admin@ccr2p.org](mailto:admin@ccr2p.org) with [Nov 20 roundtable- your name].

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

**Naomi Kikoler** is the deputy director of the Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide. For six years, she developed and implemented the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect’s work on populations at risk and efforts to advance R2P globally and led the Centre’s advocacy, including targeting the UN Security Council. Prior to joining the Centre in 2008, she worked on national security and refugee law and policy for Amnesty International Canada. She has also worked in the Office of the Prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement at the Brookings Institution, and she worked as an election monitor in Kenya with the Carter Center. She holds common law and civil law degrees from McGill University, an MSc in forced migration from Oxford University and a BA from the University of Toronto. She is a board member of the Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, a senior fellow at the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, and was called to the Bar of Upper Canada.

**Kathleen Davis** is a Canadian lawyer who has specialized in the field of international law. She currently teaches international criminal law at Osgoode Hall Law School and is completing her doctorate in international law at The University of Toronto, where she serves as a senior fellow and member of the Advisory Board at the Canadian Centre for The Responsibility to Protect. Kathleen has provided research and legal assistance to the prosecution teams at the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and the Special

Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague. She has also served as a consultant to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect.

**Arne Kislenko** is Programme Director and Associate Professor of History at Ryerson University and Adjunct Professor in the International Relations Program at Trinity College/the Munk School for International Studies at the University of Toronto. His teaching focus is on 19th and 20th century international relations, and includes courses on the two world wars, the Cold War, the history of espionage, comparative foreign policy, modern Southeast Asia, and culture/identity/nationalities. He has won numerous awards for his teaching. Arne graduated with an Honours B.A. in History and Politics (1987) and an M.A. in History (1988), both from the University of Western Ontario. Arne completed his Ph.D. in History at the University of Toronto (2000) while teaching at Ryerson and U of T and working with Canada Immigration at Lester B. Pearson Airport. He served there for 12 years as a Senior Officer, dealing with many high profile and national security cases.

**Ron Levi** holds the George Ignatieff Chair of Peace and Conflict Studies, and serves as Deputy Director for the Munk School of Global Affairs. Trained in law and in sociology, Levi's work focuses on the law and politics of how we respond to crime and violence in global perspective, focusing both on urban crime prevention strategies and on responses to mass violence and atrocities. Professor Levi has been a Fellow and Scholar of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, served as Director of the Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, and has recently been appointed as a Visiting Researcher at the Centre d'Études et de Recherches Internationales, Université de Montréal. Levi attended law school at McGill University, where he was trained in both civil law and common law. After completing his master's degree in law at UofT, he pursued graduate study in sociology at Northwestern University and completed his doctoral dissertation in law at UofT, where he was awarded the Alan Marks medal.

## **ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT**

The Responsibility to Protect, also referred to as RtoP or R2P, is an international principle coined in 2001 under the leadership of the Canadian government and later adopted at the 2005 World Summit by 150 heads of government. R2P states that when sovereign states are unable or unwilling to fulfill their responsibility to protect their own populations from mass atrocities such as genocide, ethnic cleansing, crimes against humanity and war crimes, the international community has the responsibility to do so.

## **ABOUT THE HOST:**

The Canadian Centre for R2P, based at Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, is a leading Canadian, non-partisan and non-profit research organization dedicated to scholarly

engagement and political implementation of the R2P principle. The CCR2P is running a campaign this year on “R2P at Crossroads: Ten Years since the 2005 World Summit.” ([www.ccr2p.org](http://www.ccr2p.org))

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