

Call for Papers: “The Future of Statebuilding: Ethics, Power and Responsibility in International Relations”

The Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Westminster, in conjunction with the BISA working group Sovereignty and its Discontents and the Taylor & Francis *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, are hosting a conference on “ The Future of Statebuilding; Ethics, Power and Responsibility in International Relations” on the 9 – 11 October 2009.

Theme

In the post-Cold War era intra-state issues, from ethnic cleansing and underdevelopment to terrorism and civil war, have dominated the international security agenda. The integration of the domestic and the international has led to calls for more direct and invasive international involvement in the internal affairs of states. This has been manifest in the marked increase in both UN-sanctioned and unilateral interventions and numerous statebuilding operations. This conference seeks to interrogate the contemporary currency of intervention and statebuilding and highlight the key questions and challenges raised by recent practice.

Keynote speakers

Professor Alex Bellamy, University of Queensland

Professor Simon Chesterman, New York University School of Law

Professor Roland Paris, University of Ottawa

Professor Oliver Richmond, University of St. Andrews

Papers

In particular we seek papers that broadly address the following issues;

- * “Aspiration and Practice”: How do we understand/explain the gap between the aims and achievements of statebuilding?
- * “Failed States: Rhetoric and Reality”: What is the true nature of the influence of failed states on contemporary international security?
- * “The Responsibility to Protect”: How has “R2P” changed the norms governing the use of force? Is this a progressive development?

- * “The Peacebuilding Commission”: What role can/should the UN play in intervention and statebuilding?
- * “The Future of Statebuilding After Iraq”: What will the legacy of the invasion and occupation of Iraq be?

Submission instructions

If you wish to present a paper, please email a 300 word proposal and a short biographical note to a.hehir@wmin.ac.uk by May 21st 2009.

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