



*The David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies (DDMI) was established in 1951 to commemorate the work of Lord Davies in promoting a more just world through international cooperation, law, and organisation. The Institute moved to its new institutional home in the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth University in 2002.*

*The control, reduction and elimination of the most destructive weapons humanity has invented was the driving spirit that motivated Lord Davies to set up the world's first Department of International Relations in 1919, and this normative vision continues to guide the work of the institute. Its priorities have evolved with a changing global order to encompass an expanded security agenda, questions of international and global responsibility, and the status of the individual in a world of states. From its inception, the DDMI has sought to build bridges between the academic and policy-making worlds, and it provides a forum in which policy makers, officials, NGOs, academics, and the wider public can share different views and perspectives.*

## From the Director

The last few months have seen considerable activity in relation to our project on 'Trust-Building in Nuclear Worlds'. Ken Booth and I have delivered lectures on this topic at conferences and workshops in the UK, India, and Brazil, and we showcase some of these in this issue of the newsletter. This issue also features a focus on Andrew Linklater's on-going research into the problem of harm in world politics. In July 2007, the DDMI was awarded a grant by the Gwendoline and Margaret Davies Charity to fund the Annual Lecture for the next three years. On behalf of the Institute, I wish to thank the Trustees for supporting an event which has seen so many distinguished lecturers since its inception in 1954. The 2008 lecture carries on this venerable tradition and I am delighted to invite you to join us in Aberystwyth to hear Gareth Evans deliver a lecture on 'The Responsibility to Protect: An Idea Whose time has Come...and Gone?'. Given his role in developing this idea as co-chair of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, and his continuing advocacy of it as President of the International Crisis Group, there is no one better qualified to speak on this subject.



**Professor Nicholas Wheeler**



## 2008 DDMI Annual Lecture

**The Hon. Gareth Evans, AO QC**  
***The Responsibility to Protect: An Idea Whose Time has Come... And Gone?***

Wednesday, 23rd April, 6pm  
Old Hall, Old College  
King Street, Aberystwyth

## Trust Building in Nuclear Worlds

### Nuclear Futures - Realities and Choices

On 6 December 2007, a one-day symposium was held by DDMI and the Oxford Research Group at the Royal Society in London. This brought together 20 eminent nuclear and environmental scientists, and experts in international law, politics and nuclear non-proliferation from Britain, the United States, China, Mexico and Sweden, to take a critical and far-reaching look at current trends and interaction between civil nuclear power expansion and nuclear weapons proliferation. A report summarising this conference can be found here:



Nuclear Futures symposium participants brief press and NGO representatives

[http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/docs/nuclear\\_futures.pdf](http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/docs/nuclear_futures.pdf)

### Ken Booth Speaks at Conferences in Rio de Janeiro and London

Ken Booth was honoured to deliver the keynote address marking the 20th anniversary of the first graduate programme in International Relations in Brazil. The lecture took place in Rio de Janeiro on 22 November 2007 under the auspices of the Institute of International Relations at the Pontifical Catholic University-Rio. Professor Booth also organised a workshop that explored a key aspect of the DDMI 'Trust-Building in Nuclear Worlds' project – "security learning". A recent paper by him on this topic can be found here:

[http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/docs/Booth\\_The\\_Choice.pdf](http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/docs/Booth_The_Choice.pdf)

In January 2008, Professor Booth participated in a one-day conference organised by the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy at SOAS entitled 'Disarmament and Globalisation: Old and New Wisdoms'. Professor Booth's presentation focused on missed opportunities in disarmament negotiations, particularly the negative consequences to the present day of the failure to explore Gorbachev's 1986 proposal for timetabled reductions to zero nuclear weapons by 2000. A version of the paper will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Planet: The Welsh Internationalist*.

## Overcoming the Trust Deficit in India-Pakistan Relations

In December 2007, Professor Wheeler acted as an academic facilitator at the Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP) sixth Annual Conflict Transformation Workshop in New Delhi. The purpose of these workshops has been to bring together



the next generation of Indian and Pakistani leaders from academia, think-tanks, NGOs, and the media to explore the possibilities of building trust through dialogue and peacebuilding exercises.

Professor Wheeler delivered a lecture on trust-building in International Relations, and ran a series of role-playing exercises involving Indian and Pakistani participants putting themselves in the role of the other, and break-out groups where participants worked together to devise new trust-building moves that might promote peace between their two countries. A copy of the report from the workshop will shortly be posted on WISCOMP <http://www.wiscomp.org> and the DDMI's web site,

[http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/docs/wiscomp\\_report.pdf](http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/docs/wiscomp_report.pdf)

## Professor Michael Byers on Arctic Sovereignty



On Tuesday 8 January 2008, Professor Michael Byers, a Canada Research Chair in Global Politics at the University of British Columbia, delivered a speech entitled "Arctic Rush: Climate Change and International Politics in the Far North" at Aberystwyth University.

An mp3 recording of the full lecture can be found here:

[http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/docs/Byers\\_Arctic.mp3](http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/docs/Byers_Arctic.mp3)

## Andrew Linklater and the Problem of Harm

The observation that history is a journey from 'the slingshot to the a-bomb' provides a useful reminder of how far the attempts to regulate violent harm have dominated relations between human communities for millennia. However, this need to regulate the ability to cause violent harm may not prove to be the greatest challenge facing the long-term survival of the human species. Public recognition of climate change marks the growing realisation that acts that seem trivial in themselves can cause environmental damage on a global scale if they are performed daily by millions of people over several generations. Whether the human species can control the capacity for both violent and non-violent harm, previously central to its social and political development, is the central question which Andrew Linklater is exploring in his three volume study of the problem of harm in world politics.

Notwithstanding its long-standing interest in violence, the study of International Relations has not devoted much attention to broader manifestations of harm. With the exception of analyses of 'the just war', there has been little systematic reflection on the forms of harm that are morally acceptable or morally intolerable in world politics. Although many living in modern societies believe that 'we' are more 'civilized' and less cruel than 'our' predecessors, there has been almost no analysis of whether, or how far, attitudes to harm have changed over the millennia, let alone during the life-span of the modern international system.

Linklater's first volume will analyse the theoretical issues arising in the study of harm in world politics. It will lay the foundations for a second volume considering the way the Western international system has implemented

regulations for harm and, more specifically, the development of cosmopolitan harm conventions (which are designed to protect all persons from harm irrespective of citizenship, nationality, gender, race, class and so forth). The third volume broadens this investigation to consider the Western international system in conjunction with three long-term processes in the development of the human race: the development of ever larger territorial monopolies of power, the growth of human interconnectedness and the widening scope of emotional identification from kinship groups to large nation-states alongside still weak but not insignificant cosmopolitan loyalties.

One of the central arguments of Linklater's approach to harm is that such loyalties will need to become stronger if the human race is to manage what might be called 'the ambiguities of global interconnectedness' – the fact that human beings have become more closely inter-related over the centuries, more capable of causing harm over greater distances but also more able to enjoy the benefits of global interaction and create forms of cooperation that relieve human beings from the burden of pointless and unnecessary harm. To find out more about Linklater's work, visit: [http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/research\\_trust.html](http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/research_trust.html)

Andrew Linklater has been Woodrow Wilson Professor of International Politics at Aberystwyth University since 2000 and was Director of the DDMI from 2002 to 2005. He has written and co-edited several books on theories of international relations. His most recent book, *Critical Theory and World Politics*, develops the harm project and brings together several papers on harm and world politics that have appeared in the last few years.

## DDMI News

### Welcome to New Staff

The DDMI extends a warm welcome to Vincent Keating, who has recently joined the DDMI team as a temporary research assistant. Vincent is a current PhD candidate at Aberystwyth University and holds an MSc in Nationalism Studies from the University of Edinburgh and a BA in Economics from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada. His current research examines the way in which the United States has legitimised its recent human rights conduct in international society.



### Trust: A Discussion Group

A new discussion group at Aberystwyth University was recently formed, growing out of the conviction that trust is a critically neglected area in International Relations theorising. Though literature on trust appears in other disciplines, notably sociology, philosophy, psychology and history, none of it has been systematically applied to the international level. This new discussion group examines the strengths and weaknesses of the existing theories of trust in the field of International Relations, as well as exploring how far trust research in other disciplines can contribute to our thinking about international trust-building. For more information, please go to

[http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/trust\\_group.html](http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/trust_group.html)

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## Recent Publications

### *Theory of World Security* Ken Booth

What is real? What can we know? How might we act? This book sets out to answer these fundamental philosophical questions in a radical and original theory of security for our times. Arguing that the concept of security in world politics has long been imprisoned by conservative thinking, Ken Booth explores security as a precious instrumental value which gives individuals and groups the opportunity to pursue the invention of humanity rather than live determined and diminished lives. He looks to critical social theory and radical international theory to develop a comprehensive framework for understanding the historical challenges facing global business-as-usual and for planning to reconstruct a more cosmopolitan future.



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