



The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect cordially invites you to a roundtable discussion on:

**Coming to the brink: Bolivia, Kenya and the Responsibility to Protect**  
**Roundtable**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 12:30- 2pm  
Room 8201, 365 Fifth Avenue

**Speakers:**

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In early 2008 after a highly contested election, Kenya teetered on the brink of chaos. It seemed that nothing could stop the situation from escalating and a bloodbath looked inevitable. Yet the crisis was halted thanks to a bold and determined mediation led by Kofi Annan. Similarly, in the autumn of 2008 violence erupted in Bolivia as a result of a cocktail of explosive issues: indigenous rights, regional separatist movements, and a presidential re-election. As in Kenya, a swift mediation led by UNASUR brought Bolivia back from the brink of widespread violence. In both countries there was cause for considerable relief that a major humanitarian catastrophe had been averted at the last minute.

This is the backdrop against which this round table brings together leading experts for an assessment of the continuing risks of mass atrocity crimes. Both Bolivia and Kenya are still held together by fragile political truces. In both, investigations of serious human rights violations are underway. What has been the role, if any, of R2P and human rights considerations in the resolutions of the crises?

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