



Seminar - Dr Miwa Hirono

A Responsible Power? Perceptions of China's role in peacebuilding and humanitarian assistance

"In this seminar, I provide a nuanced understanding of a "responsible China" in relation to peacebuilding and humanitarian assistance, taking into particular account the perspectives of the "insider"—who lives in the conflict- or disaster-affected areas where China conducts peacebuilding and delivers humanitarian assistance. Analysts and policymakers often debate whether China is a responsible state, but they play down or ignore how the "insider" perceives China's contribution to peacebuilding and humanitarian assistance, especially with regard to the idea of international responsibility. Based on fieldwork and extensive interviews in Cambodia, Liberia and Aceh, I find that "insider" understanding of international responsibility is not necessarily informed by Western or by Chinese ("outsider") perspectives, but rather by a variety of local considerations; such as traditions and cultures, and the quest for development opportunities. This finding affords a more nuanced analysis of what it means to be perceived as responsible in international affairs than findings based on "outsider" perspectives, which tend to be somewhat abstract and often dichotomised along ideological lines"

WHEN: Tuesday 9th August, 2016 12pm - 1pm

WERE: Building GPN39A, Room 402

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