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The Peace and Conflict Studies Students' Association  
**2016 Student Research Colloquium**

Tuesday, March 15  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
Hanley Hall St. Paul's College  
University of Manitoba

<b>9:00-9:10</b>	Gathering
<b>9:10-9:20</b>	Welcome
<b>9:20-10:15</b>	Panel 1
<b>10:15-10:25</b>	Break
<b>10:25-11:20</b>	Panel 2
<b>11:20-11:50</b>	Response from Prof. John Packer
<b>11:50-12:00</b>	Closing

*Please join us for lunch immediately following the colloquium.*

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**We are pleased to welcome Professor John Packer as respondent.** He currently serves as Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) at the University of Ottawa.

Prof. Packer previously held academic positions at the University of Essex where he was the Director of the world-renowned Human Rights Centre and at the Fletcher School, Tufts University. He has held fellowships at Cambridge and Harvard Universities and lectured at universities and professional institutions around the world. He has been widely published and contributes to the editing of a number of scholarly journals. He also serves on the boards of a number of NGOs and is a member of the Expert Advisory Panel for the Shared Societies Project of the Club de Madrid comprising almost 100 former Heads of State or Government of democracies.

Prof. Packer is also an experienced practitioner bringing some 20 years working for inter-governmental organizations, including Geneva for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights investigating serious human rights violations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Burma/Myanmar, extrajudicial executions, arbitrary detention, forced disappearances, the use of forensic sciences, the use of civil defence forces, and the independence of judges and lawyers throughout the world. From 1995 to 2004, he was Senior Legal Advisor and then the first Director of the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities in The Hague working across Central and Eastern Europe and throughout the former Soviet Union. For the last two years, Prof. Packer was a Constitutions and Process Design Expert on the UN's Standby Team of Mediation Experts attached to the Dept. of Political Affairs, advising in numerous peace processes and political transitions around the world focusing on conflict prevention and resolution, diversity management, constitutional and legal reform, and the protection of human rights including minorities.

Prof. Packer's strength in the practice of international law and relations underpins his vision for applied research in public policy and a practice-orientation in the activities of the HRREC. He intends to build on the HRREC's record of achievement, emphasizing know-how and skills for students and professionals interested in the effective realization of human rights throughout Canada and the world.

## Panel 1

Moderator: Julie Hyde, PhD Student

- 9:20 - 9:30 **Peter Genger, PhD Student**  
Shifting from Interactive Discourses to the *Provention* of African Indigenous Peacemaking Approaches (AIPA)
- 9:30-9:40 **Katie Muirhead , MA Student**  
Sexualization of the Stateless: Addressing the Root Causes of Sexual Violence Against Women in Refugee Camps
- 9:40-9:50 **Obasesam Okoi, PhD Student**  
Power and Violence in Post-Civil War Nigerian Society: The 1975 Ugep Massacre and the Politics of Memory
- 9:50-10:00 **Eduardo da Costa, PhD Student**  
Measuring Peace and the Global Peace Index
- 10:00-10:15 **Q&A**

## Panel 2

Moderator: Eduardo da Costa, PhD Student

- 10:25-10:35 **Evelyn Mayanja, PhD Candidate**  
No Durable Peace without Global Ethics: Corporations and mineral exploitation in Africa, the case of DR Congo
- 10:35-10:45 **Eduardo E. Soto Parra, PhD Candidate**  
UNASUR and the Prevention of Political Conflict in South America
- 10:45-10:55 **Aziz Rahman, PhD Student**  
Refugee and Human Rights in the Context of Contemporary Violence against Refugees in the West
- 10:55-11:05 **Mary Anne Clarke, PhD Student**  
How can Northern First Nations children's human rights be recognized and upheld in ways that also maintain their Indigenous rights?
- 11:05-11:20 **Q&A**

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