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I had the pleasure of visiting the DPIR in Oxford in December and January (2014-2015). Coming from The University of Queensland in Australia, where I direct the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), the visit gave me an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas with the department's experts on humanitarian politics and Asia Pacific affairs.

In particular, the visit helped me complete a project on R2P and humanitarian politics that I'd been working on with Hugo Slim and others in the department and to clarify my thinking on a new project on the decline of mass atrocities in East Asia.

Being in Oxford around the fringes of term time gave me the opportunity to find extensive peace and quiet – and all the books I needed – in the department's library. That, and more than a few helpful words of advice from the department's experts, especially Rosemary Foot and Richard Caplan, gave me the space and the food for thought I needed to put the new project on a firmer footing and set a course for the next couple of years.

What did I like about my visit? Engagement with world class scholars, the unique collegiality at DPIR which meant that everyone had time to talk and I was made to feel very welcome, the facilities which are second to none, and what could possibly beat Oxford at Christmas-time?

Would I recommend the experience to others? Absolutely – time to think and research, talk, explore, enquire and investigate, with the world's best in International Relations. It's given me the energy, insight and inspiration to embark on the next big project – and I can't wait to get back there again.

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