Torture after 9.11: the Asia-Pacific context workshop

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Keynote speaker
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Coombs Extension Building (#8), ANU

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The deadline for abstracts has passed. If you are interested in participating or attending, please contact Cynthia Banham.

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This Centre for International Governance and Justice (CIGJ) workshop will examine the current state of the norm against torture with particular emphasis on understandings and practices around torture in the Asia-Pacific region. It will comprise three panels, dealing broadly with the following themes:

1. The mundanity of torture: the disconnects between official public policy and discourse and actual practice on torture, including debates around the effectiveness of torture as a reliable means for evidence-gathering.

2. The aesthetics of torture: how torture (and cruelty) is depicted – and defended – in popular culture; how do representations of torture in popular culture influence day to day practices of law enforcement/ intelligence-gathering by security services/criminal prosecutions?

3. Forgetting and unforgetting torture: accountability for torture, including alternative sites or locations for accountability when states refuse to engage in accountability.

The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Stephen Toope, Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto.

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