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# Child protection in Afghanistan

**Tuesday 7 May 2013** 12.30 – 1.30pm light lunch from 12pm

**Kerry Bowland** Consultant, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

**Brindabella Theatre** Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU



Decades of conflict have eroded the physical and social fabric of Afghanistan, with severe impacts on the lives of children. Kerry Boland, consultant to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), will talk about her experience building formal and informal mechanisms to protect children in Afghanistan.

Kerry Bowland will draw on her experience with UNICEF in supporting the Afghan government to set up a Child Protection Action Network (CPAN). Reflecting on her work with the Afghan government, NGOs, community and religious leaders in the provinces, she will illustrate how child protection issues are identified

and dealt with in local communities. In particular, she will give her perspective on initiatives to prevent and eradicate abuse and exploitation, with special attention to ending early and forced marriage and hazardous and exploitive labour.

Kerry has worked in a range of conflict-affected situations in Afghanistan, Chad, Sri Lanka, Turkey and elsewhere. Her work has focused on protection issues related to women and children. She is the author of *Children on the Move*, a UNICEF study on children of Afghan origin moving to western countries. She has worked for the Australian Red Cross and was a Senior Member of the Refugee Review Tribunal.

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