

A portrait of Professor Sir Adam Roberts, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, a blue striped shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a solid blue color.

UNU CONVERSATION SERIES

Professor Sir Adam Roberts

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1914 and 2014: Military and Political Challenges Then and Now

Tuesday, 7 October 2014, 6:30–7:30 PM

Reception & buffet after the event

United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo

The events of 1914 and of the war that followed bear troubling resemblances to events of the present: distinct world views, rival alliances, rising and declining powers, terrorist attacks and claims of national self-determination. But while it might be easy to believe that not much has changed over the past 100 years, there have in fact been many significant improvements in international relations.

Esteemed scholar Professor Sir Adam Roberts will join UNU Rector David M. Malone for a conversation exploring today's acute political and military challenges in the context of the past century of international affairs. The conversation will look back to the circumstances that shaped the First World War to examine humankind's capacity to learn from

previous disasters, and will consider the extent to which history is influencing modern peace and security decision-making.

The UNU Conversation Series aims to foster audience participation: you are encouraged to engage with the speakers during the conversation and at the reception that will follow, where all audience members are invited to enjoy the food and drinks that will be served while exchanging ideas and making new contacts.

Please note that this event will be in English only; Japanese interpretation will not be provided. Advance registration (by 6 October) is required.

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