



## Dr Ann Fitz-Gerald

**Dr Ann Fitz-Gerald** is an Associate Professor in Cranfield University's Department of Management and Security at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom. She holds degrees in Commerce, International Relations, War Studies and Security & Defence Management. Her PhD examined the impact national disparities with multinational military forces could have on sustainable development programmes running simultaneously with peace support operations in post-conflict states. Following an initial career in the financial sector, she worked for the Government of Canada which included posts at the Pearson International Peacekeeping Training Centre and NATO Headquarters. Before assuming an academic post at Cranfield University, Dr Fitz-Gerald worked at King's College, London University where she was Co-Director for the Complex Emergencies Unit in the Centre for Defence Studies. At Cranfield University, she was the Associate Dean (Research) between 2006 and 2009.

Dr Fitz-Gerald currently serves on the Boards of the Institute for Research on Public Policy, Saferworld, the Canadian International Council (CIC), and the Security Sector Advisory Group for UK Trade and Investment. She also chairs the International Working Group on National Security.

Dr Fitz-Gerald has worked on national security, stabilisation interventions and security sector reform for 18 years, has worked for a wide range of bilateral and multilateral organisations, and is widely published in her field. Her work has included the facilitation of national security strategy processes in post-conflict, developing and developed states. She helped advise on national security processes in Botswana, Lebanon, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia and, most recently, Afghanistan. Her most recent book is an edited volume entitled *From Conflict to Community: A Combatant's Return to Citizenship*. Dr Fitz-Gerald has worked in both research and practitioner capacities in Africa, Asia, South-East Europe and the Caribbean. She led the Global Facilitation Network for Security Sector Reform (GFN-SSR) between 2002 and 2006 and is now Director of the Cranfield Centre for Security Sector Management. She is academic leader of the MSc Security Sector Management and leads Cranfield University's research programmes in Security Sector Management, Stabilisation and National Security.

Dr Fitz-Gerald is regularly invited to contribute to curriculum at international and UK-based universities. She has also presents to a number of national defence staff colleges, including Kuwait, Canada, Indonesia, the United States, Ethiopia, the Netherlands, Ireland and Ethiopia.

From January 2011 to January 2012, Dr Fitz-Gerald is undertaking a one-year sabbatical as the McNaughton-Vanier Visiting chair at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC). This Canada-based research post will allow her to continue her research, teaching and consultation on matters related to national security and security sector management.