

Short CV
Professor Kevin P Clements

Professor Clements is the Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.

He comes to this position from 'International Alert' where he was Secretary General from January 1999 to September 2003. 'International Alert' is one of the world's largest NGO's in the world working on conflict transformation, pioneered innovative policy and practical approaches to conflict prevention and transformation in Africa, Eurasia and Asia. It has also made a major contribution to the mainstreaming of conflict prevention within European Foreign and Development Ministries, the Economic Union (EU) and a variety of United Nations institutions. During his time there, he was on the Board of the European Centre for Conflict Prevention, and past President of the European Peace Building Liaison Office in Brussels.

Prior to becoming Secretary General of 'International Alert', Professor Clements was the Vernon and Minnie Lynch Chair of Conflict Resolution at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University, Fairfax Virginia USA, from 1994 to 2000 and Director of the Institute from 1994 to 1999.

His career has been a combination of academic analysis and practice in the areas of peace-building and conflict transformation. He was formerly Director of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva, and Head of the Peace Research Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra. Prior to this he was Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Co-ordinator of Peace Studies at Canterbury University, Christchurch New Zealand, and earlier, a Lecturer in Sociology at Hong Kong University. He took up this position from a Post Doctoral Fellowship at Oxford University where he worked on development issues,

He has been an advisor to the New Zealand, Australian, British, Swedish, and Dutch governments on conflict prevention, peace, defence and security Issues. He was a member of the New Zealand Government's Defence Committee of Enquiry in 1985.

He was President of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) from 1994 to 1998, President of the IPRA Foundation from 1995 to 2000, and Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Peace Research Association. Professor Clements has been a regular consultant to a variety of non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations on disarmament, arms control, conflict resolution, development and regional security issues. He has written or edited 5 books and over 135 chapters/articles on conflict transformation, peace-building, preventive diplomacy and development.