

HERRENHAUSEN CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2022

GOVERNING HUMANITARIANISM:
THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF
GLOBAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

HERRENHAUSEN PALACE, HANOVER, GERMANY

Humanitarian organisations across the globe face growing challenges in delivering aid, securing funds and maintaining public confidence. Trade-offs between sovereignty, democracy, security, development, identity and human rights have become highly complex. Self-appointed guardians of the public conscience are now also major sub-contractors of governments, sometimes critics of the very institutions they rely on for funds. The Herrenhausen Conference “Governing Humanitarianism” interrogates present issues and future directions for global humanitarian governance in relation to its pasts, highlighting lessons to be learned from historical events and practices. It asks if humanitarian expansion has come at the expense of core values and effective intervention, and how the pursuit of global equity and social justice can, and has been pursued through shifting global and local power structures. How can we rethink the future direction of humanitarian governance in the world, particularly given the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and climate emergency? How can shifting power relations be reconciled with the pursuit of global equity and social justice? What would a different way of working, more attuned to the realities now faced by global organisations, donors and recipient communities, actually look like? What will be the characteristics of successful humanitarian international NGOs in ten years' time? The Herrenhausen Conference seeks to bridge the various gaps between disciplines, scholarship and practice as well as the national, international and global spheres of analysis. It actively involves early career scholars and established academics with leading members from the field of international action in the debate on the past, present, and future of global humanitarian governance. Please visit the conference website for [more information](#).

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SUNDAY, SEPT 11, 2022

7:00 P.M. RECEPTION AND DINNER FOR SPEAKERS, CHAIRS AND EARLY CAREER FELLOWS

MONDAY, SEPT 12, 2022

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9:00 A.M. WELCOME

ANTJE TEPPERWIEN
Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, Germany

FABIAN KLOSE
University of Cologne, Germany

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9:20 A.M. KEYNOTE

FRANCES LONGLEY
former Chief executive at ActionAid UK

Chair: ANDREW THOMPSON
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

10:15 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

10:30 A.M. PART I

Humanitarianism as Global Networks and Activism

Dialogue:

MIKE AARONSON
University of Surrey, former Director General of Save the Children UK
1995 – 2005, Guildford, United Kingdom

JULIA IRWIN
University of South Florida Tampa, USA

ELISABETH PILLER
University of Freiburg, Germany

11:45 A.M. PART II

Gendering Humanitarianism

Imagining distant need and relief: Gender and the workings of transnational aid in the nineteenth century

KATHARINA STORNIG
University of Gießen, Germany

Strengthening Humanitarian Institutions: Women of the Red Cross in Kenya, 1952-1960.

BETH REBISZ
University of Reading, United Kingdom

Comment:

DOLORES MARTÍN MORUNO
University of Geneva, Switzerland

Chair: SILVIA SALVATICI
University of Milan, Italy

1:00 P.M. LUNCH

2:00 P.M. PART III

Humanitarianism and International Law

Dialogue:

MURRAY HUNT QC
Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, London, United Kingdom

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CLAUS KREß
University of Cologne, Germany

NATALIA JEVGELSKAJA
University of New South Wales / Australia Defence Force Academy –
Canberra, Australia

3:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M. PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Humanitarianism in Conflict Situations

Chairs:

CEDRIC COTTER
International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland

MELANIE OPPENHEIMER
Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia

Workshop 2: Refugee Protections

Chairs:

BASTIAAN BOUWMAN
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton, USA

ISABELLA LÖHR
Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin, Germany

Workshop 3: Humanitarian Advocacy Techniques

Chairs:

KEVIN O´SULLIVAN
National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

JOANNA SIMONOW
University of Heidelberg, Germany

Workshop 4: Creating a New United Nations: Responsibility in Humanitarianism

Chairs:

NEVILLE WYLIE
University of Stirling, Scotland

BRIAN DOHAN
United States Military Academy, West Point, USA

5:30 P.M. PRESENTATION OF BRIEFING NOTES

6:30 P.M. DINNER

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TUESDAY, SEPT 13, 2022

9:00 A.M. PART IV
Humanitarian Political and Moral Economy

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Reconstructing Governance: U.S. Humanitarianism in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1919-1939

KYLE ROMERO
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA

Comment: MARC PALEN
University of Exeter, United Kingdom

Chair: ANDREW THOMPSON
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

10:00 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

10:30 A.M. PART V
Media and Humanitarianism

Dialogue:

KATJA MAURER
medico international, Frankfurt a. M., Germany

SONYA DE LAAT
McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

JOHANNES PAULMANN
Leibniz Institute of European History, Mainz, Germany

11:45 A.M. KEYNOTE

Berlin 2015 – Europe – the Middle East: On the Entanglement of Historical Research, Humanitarian Issues and Politics

NORA LAFI
Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany

Chair: STACEY HYND
University of Exeter, United Kingdom

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

1:30 P.M. PART VI
Humanitarianism, Development and Global Human Rights

AYAN MAHAMOUD
Resident representative of Somaliland to the UK & Commonwealth

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JAN ECKEL
University of Tübingen, Germany

Comment:
ANGELIKA NUßBERGER
University of Cologne; former Vice-President of the European Court of
Human Rights

Chair: CAROLINE MOINE
University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yveline, France

3:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M. FINAL DISCUSSION

Chair: ANDREW THOMPSON
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

4:30 P.M. END OF CONFERENCE

5:00 P.M. FEEDBACK SESSION WITH TRAVEL GRANT HOLDERS

7:00 P.M. PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION
Humanitäres Handeln in der Krise –
Wie können wir noch helfen?

MARKUS N. BEEKO
Amnesty International, Germany

ESTHER MÖLLER
Universität der Bundeswehr München, Germany

N.N.
Centre for Humanitarian Action, Berlin, Germany

GERHARD TRABERT
Armut und Gesundheit in Deutschland e.V.

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