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? 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 leaders of big global organisations, 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, SEP 13, 2020

3:00 P.M. RECEPTION FOR SPEAKERS, CHAIRS AND EARLY CAREER FELLOWS

4:00 P.M. PUBLIC LECTURE
Who cares? — Hilfe für Menschen in Not

Gerhard Trabert
Mainz, Germany

Miriam Younes
Beirut, Lebanon

Chairs:
Johannes Paulmann
Leibniz-Institute of European History Mainz, Germany

Esther Möller
Universität der Bundeswehr München, Germany

7:00 P.M. SPEAKERS’ DINNER
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MONDAY, SEP 14, 2020

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9:00 A.M. WELCOME

GEORG SCHÜTTE
Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, Germany

FABIAN KLOSE
University of Cologne, Germany

9:20 A.M. KEYNOTE

The Digital Transformation of Humanitarian Action

CHARLOTTE LINDSEY-CURTET
International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland

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 College Dublin, Ireland

11:45 A.M. PART II
Gendering Humanitarianism

Speakers:

KATHARINA STORNIG
University of Gießen, Germany

BETH REBISZ
University of Reading, United Kingdom

Comment:

DOLORES MARTIN MORUNO
University of Geneva, Switzerland

Chair: SILVIA SALVATICI
University of Milan, Italy
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1:00 P.M.  LUNCH

2:00 P.M.  PART III  
Humanitarianism and International Law

Dialogue:
Murray Hunt QC (tbc)
Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, London, United Kingdom

Claus Kreß
University of Cologne, Germany

Natalia Jevgelskaia
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:
Cédric 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 Löh
Institute for Migration Studies and Intercultural Research, Osnabrück University, Germany

Workshop 3: Intercultural Approaches to Humanitarian Activities

Chairs:
Jihane Chedouki
Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, Germany

Mitchell Edwards
Northwestern University, Evanston, USA
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Workshop 4: Humanitarian Advocacy Techniques

Chairs:
KEVIN O’SULLIVAN
National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

JOANNA SIMONOW
Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research,
University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Workshop 5: Creating a New United Nations: Responsibility in Humanitarianism

Chairs:
NEVILLE WYLIE
University of Stirling, Scotland

ARVID SCHORS
University of Cologne, Germany

5:30 p.m. PRESENTATION OF BRIEFING NOTES

6:30 p.m. DINNER

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9:00 a.m. PART IV
Humanitarian Political and Moral Economy

Speakers:
MIRIAM TICKTIN
The New School, New York City, USA

KYLE ROMERO
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA

Comment:
MICHAEL BARNETT
George Washington University, USA

Chair: MARC PALEN
University of Exeter, United Kingdom

10:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK
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10:30 A.M.  PART V
Media and Humanitarianism

Dialogue:
Katja Maurer
medico international, Frankfurt a.M., Germany

Kate Wright
University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Sonya de Laat
McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

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

Speakers:

Ayan Mahamoud
Resident representative of Somaliland to the UK & Commonwealth

Jan Eckel
University of Tübingen, Germany

Sam de Schutter
University of Leiden, Netherlands

Comment:
Barbara Keys
Durham University, United Kingdom

Chair: Caroline Moine
University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yveline, France

3:00 P.M.  COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M.  FINAL DISCUSSION

Chair: Richard Reid
University of Oxford, United Kingdom
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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

FABIAN KLOSE
University of Cologne, Germany

ANGELIKA NußBERGER
University of Cologne; former Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights

ULRIKE VON PILAR
Founding president and former GD of MSF Germany, Berlin, Germany

PIRMIN SPIEGEL
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