



HERRENHAUSEN CONFERENCE,

SEPTEMBER, 11-13, 2022

HERRENHAUSEN PALACE, HANOVER, GERMANY

GOVERNING HUMANITARIANISM:

THE PAST, PRESENT, AND
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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. 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.

PROGRAM

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 & INTRODUCTION

ANTJE TEPPERWIEN

Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, Germany

FABIAN KLOSE

University of Cologne, Germany

9:20 A.M. KEYNOTE

Challenging leadership? Crisis, courage and the opportunity to change how we lead NGOs

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, 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 Bristol, United Kingdom

Comment:

DOLORES MARTÍN MORUNO
University of Geneva, Switzerland

Chair: SILVIA SALVATICI
University of Florence, Italy

1:00 P.M. LUNCH

2:00 P.M. PART III
Media and Humanitarianism

Dialogue:

SONYA DE LAAT
McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

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

M.C. RASMIN
Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, India, Founding
Director of Sri Lanka Development Journalist Forum

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

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Workshop 2: Refugee Protections

Chairs:

BASTIAAN BOUWMAN

Utrecht University, The Netherlands

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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

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

KYLE ROMERO

University of North Florida, Jacksonville, USA

Dignity of Displaced Persons in Afghanistan: In Search of Durable Solutions

YASSEN AYOBİ

University of Melbourne, Australia

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
Humanitarianism and International Law

Dialogue:

MURRAY HUNT QC

Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, London, United Kingdom

CLAUS KREß

University of Cologne, Germany

NATALIA JEVGLEVSKAJA
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

11:45 A.M. KEYNOTE

*Berlin – 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

Civil Activism and the Global South, 1960s to 1990s

JAN ECKEL
University of Freiburg, Germany

*African Agency: local governance, power relation and
decentralisation in the DRC*

ALEX NTUNG
University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

*The Importance of Empowering Women for Leadership
Roles for Inclusive Governance Advancement in Jordan*

TALA KHRAIS
Forum of Federations, Jordan

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

Chair: ESTHER MÖLLER, Sciences Po, Paris, France

3:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M. FINAL DISCUSSION

Chair: ANDREW THOMPSON
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

4:00 P.M. END OF SYMPOSIUM

THE ORGANIZERS

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ANDREW THOMPSON

Is Professor of Global and Imperial History at the University of Oxford where he is Co-Director of the Oxford Global History Centre and a Professorial Fellow of Nuffield College. He was previously the Chief Executive of the Arts and Humanities Research Council. He is currently completing a book for Oxford University Press titled: "Humanitarianism on Trial. How a Global System of Aid, Development and Human Rights emerged from the End of Empire".

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