

INTERSECTIONS OF HUMANITARIANISM

AHN kickoff workshop

01-03 November, Convention Centre by the Observatory, Goettingen

FRIDAY, 01 NOVEMBER

Arrival until 16h

16:00-17:00 Registration

17:00-18:00 Opening of the workshop

Welcome

Sabine Hess (Georg-August University) and Jens Adam (Georg-August University)

Anthropology of Humanitarianism Network

Carna Brkovic (Georg-August University) and Antonio De Lauri (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen)

18:00-19:30 Keynote talk

Elizabeth C. Dunn (Indiana University, Bloomington): "Humanitarianism and the Manhunt: Migration and Predatory Sovereignty"

20:00 Dinner at the restaurant "Apex Kultur", Burgstr. 46

SATURDAY, 02 NOVEMBER

09:00-10:45 Intersections between Humanitarianism, Voluntarism, and Activism

Discussant: Sabine Hess (University of Goettingen)

Marie Sandberg (University of Copenhagen) and Synnøve Bendixsen (University of Bergen): "Researching Volunteers Beyond Humanitarianism: Doubt, Complexities of Hope and Melancholia"

Tess Altmann (University of Southampton): "Healing Charity's Wounds? Fairness, Gifting and Making Exceptions in an Australian Humanitarian Foodbank"

Marijana Hamersak (Institute of Ethnology and Foklore Research): "Humanitarianism and Activism: Reporting Push-Backs at the Balkan Route"

Ildiko Zakarias (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) and Margit Feischmidt (Hungarian Academy of Sciences): "Refugee Solidarity Beyond Voluntary Initiatives: Limitations and Potentials"

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-13:00 Scaling Humanitarianism

Discussant: Carna Brkovic (University of Goettingen)

Anne-Meike Fechter (University of Sussex): “‘Every Person Counts’: The Problem of Scale in Everyday Humanitarianism”

Robin Vandevoordt (University of Oxford): “Subversive Humanitarianism. Rethinking Refugee Solidarity Through Grass-Roots Initiatives”

Tom Widger (Durham University): “The humanitarian poor: Poverty, Charity, and Community in Sri Lanka”

Jan Grill (University of Valle): “Encountering Compassion. Venezuelan Migrants and Emerging Forms of Humanitarianism in Colombia”

13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch

14:00-15:30 Intersections between Humanitarianism and Security

Discussant: Antonio De Lauri (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen)

Pınar H. Şenoğuz (University of Goettingen), Ignacio Fradejas-García (Autonomous University of Barcelona), Covagonda Murias Quintana: “Borders, Infrastructures and Imaginations of Humanitarian Remoteness in Syrian Crisis”

Andrea Steinke (Free University Berlin): “Humanitarianism, Development and Security: MINUSTAH and the Triple Nexus in Haiti”

Susanne Schmelter (University of Goettingen): “Migration Struggles along the Humanitarian Border. Syrian Displacement in Lebanon and Ways to Travel to Europe”

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Contemporary Experiments with Humanitarianism: Exploring the Role of Consultants and Experts (roundtable)

Discussant: Michi Knecht (University of Bremen)

Valeria Hänsel (University of Goettingen): “Monitoring a Space of Confinement and Humanitarianism”

Hendrik Simon (IUVENTA Solidarity-At-Sea): IUVENTA’s Story

Shakira Bedoya (Danske Bank & ISO): “Standardized Humanitarianism. The Writing and Translating of the International Standard for Business Continuity”

SUNDAY, 03 NOVEMBER

09:00-10:45 Intersections Between Humanitarianism and Religion

Discussant: Anne-Meike Fechter (University of Sussex)

Till Mostowlansky (The Graduate Institute Geneva): "Humanitarianism and Muslim Networks in High Asia"

Ela Drazkiewicz (Maynooth University): "Moral Economy of Foreign aid: The Catholic Dimension of Polish aid"

Alexander Horstmann (Tallin University): "An American Hero: Faith-Based Emergency Health Care in Karen State, Myanmar"

Emina Osmandzikovic: "Experience from the Field: Humanitarian Assistance and Islam in Saudi Arabia"

10:45-11:15 coffee break

11:15-12:45 Intersections Between Humanitarianism, Human Rights, and the State

Discussant: Jens Adam (University of Goettingen)

Jessica Greenberg (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign): "Sovereign Bodies: Evidence, Jurisdiction and State Responsibility at the European Court of Human Rights"

Tomas Ledvinka (Charles University): "Negotiating 'Traditional identity' in Re-Localised Humanitarian Space: The Orientalisation of Yemeni Immigrants in the Contemporary Czech Asylum Regime"

Eda Sevinin (Central European University): "Upholding Statist Discourses Through Benevolence: Material and Discursive Practices of Islamically-Oriented Humanitarian Networks in Turkey"

Buffet lunch: 13:00-14:00

14:00-15:45 (Decolonizing) Transnational Humanitarianism

Discussant: Ela Drazkiewicz (University of Maynooth)

Yasin Emre Kucukkaya (Middle East Technical Uni METU): "Decolonizing the Transnational Humanitarian Governance: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) Program in Turkey"

Maria Lidola (University of Konstanz): "Beyond Duty, Solidarity and Crisis: Care, Temporality and Sensitive Encounters in Cuba's International Medical Cooperation with Brazil"

Romana Pozniak (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research): "Autoethnography of Humanitarian Work – Between Voluntarism, Humanitarianism and Research"

Ekatherina Zhukova (University of Copenhagen): "Private Humanitarian Responses to Disaster Vulnerabilities: The Chernobyl Children from Belarus in Italy"

15:45-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:30 Future of the AHN: synergies, panels, publications, research projects, meetings

Chairs: Carina Brkovic (Georg-August University), Antonio De Lauri (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen), and Jelka Gunther (CeMIG)

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If you wish to join the workshop for the discussions, please register by 28 October by sending an email to cemig@uni-goettingen.de. No registration is necessary for attending the keynote lecture.