

## **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): "Infrastructures of Refugee Arrival"

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

### **SATURDAY, 02 NOVEMBER**

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

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"

Discussant: Sabine Hess (University of Goettingen)

**10:45-11:15 Coffee break**

### **11:15-13:00 Scaling Humanitarianism**

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”

Discussant: Carna Brkovic (University of Goettingen)

### **13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch**

### **14:00-15:30 Humanitarianism and Militarization**

Luisa Enria (University of Bath): “‘Like January 6<sup>th</sup>’: Humanitarianism and Militarisation in Sierra Leone’s Ebola Outbreak”

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”

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

### **15:30-16:00 Coffee break**

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

Valeria Hänsel (University of Goettingen)

Hendrik Simon (IUVENTA Solidarity-At-Sea)

Shakira Bedoya (Danske Bank & ISO)

Discussant: Michi Knecht (University of Bremen)

## **SUNDAY, 03 NOVEMBER**

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

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"

Discussant: Anne-Meike Fechter (University of Sussex)

### **10:45-11:15 coffee break**

### **11:15-13:00 Intersections Between Humanitarianism, Human Rights, and the State**

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"

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

Discussant: Jens Adam (University of Goettingen)

### **Buffet lunch: 13:00-14:00**

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

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"

Discussant: Ela Drazkiewicz (University of Maynooth)

### **15:45-16:15 Coffee break**

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

Chairs: Carna 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](mailto:cemig@uni-goettingen.de). No registration is necessary for attending the keynote lecture.*