Humanitarianism and Changing Cultures of Cooperation

5 – 7 June 2014
Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI), Goethestraße 31, 45128 Essen

Programme

THURSDAY, 5 June
13.30 – 14.30 Registration
14.30 – 15.00 Welcome
Claus Leggewie (KWI Essen)
Opening Remarks
Volker Heins (KHK/GCR21, Duisburg / University of Bochum)
15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break
15.30 – 17.30 PANEL 1: HISTORIES OF HUMANITARIANISM: COOPERATION AND PATERNALISM
Chair: Alexandra Przyrembel (Freie Universität Berlin)
Francesca Piana (Swiss National Science Foundation / Columbia University):
'A Red Crux on a White Flag': The Visual Politics of the ICRC after WWI
Florian Hannig (University of Halle-Wittenberg):
The Biafra concern in West Germany: Historicizing empathy
Charlotte Walker-Said (City University of New York):
Science and Charity: Humanitarianism and the End of Empire
Jeff Roquen (Lehigh University, Pennsylvania):
America’s first humanitarian intervention, 1895-1898
17.30 – 19.00 Break: Snacks
19.00 – 20.30 Käte Hamburger Lecture: Thomas G. Weiss (CUNY Graduate Center):
Humanitarianism’s Contested Culture
Discussants: Dennis Dijkzeul (University of Bochum) and David Chandler (University of Westminster)
FRIDAY, 6 June

10.00 – 12.00 Opening Lecture: Fritz Breithaupt (Indiana University):
The Dark Sides of Empathy: Nietzsche’s Objection Against Empathy and the Future of Humanitarianism

Discussants: Frank Adloff (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg) and Christine Unrau (KHKGCR21 Duisburg, University of Cologne)

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 15.00 PANEL 2: HUMANITARIANISM, RELIGION AND TRANSCULTURALITY: COOPERATION AND SENSIBILITY

Chair: Claus Leggewie (KWI Essen)

Mathis Danelzik (KWI Essen):
Shaping, marginalizing and cooperating with religious authority: The case of campaigns to end female genital mutilation

Jochen Kleres (University of Gothenburg):
Humanitarianism, Development and Shifting Emotional Climates

Mayke Kaag (University of Leiden):
Islamic charities from the Arab world in Africa: Transcultural encounters of humanitarianism and morality

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.30 PANEL 3: HUMANITARIANISM, PEACEBUILDING AND THE MILITARY: COOPERATION AND COMPLICITY

Chair: Dirk Messner (German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik)

Antonio Donini (Feinstein International Center at Tufts University and Graduate Center, Geneva):
Deep lessons from Afghanistan

Adam Branch (Makerere Institute of Social Research, Uganda):
Assembling for protection: The politics of transnational militarization in Africa

Kai Koddenbrock (KHKGCR21, Duisburg):
Reconfiguring Goma: The political economy of humanitarianism and peacebuilding in Eastern Congo

Aidan Hehir (University of Westminster):
R2P after the Arab Spring: The perennial need for UN military reform?

17.30 – 18.30 Coffee Break

18.30 – 20.00 Evening Lecture: Seyla Benhabib (Yale University):
From the Right to Have Rights to the Critique of Humanitarian Reason. Against the Cynical Turn in Human Rights Discourse
SATURDAY, 7 June

9.30 - 11.00  PANEL 4: NEW PLAYERS IN GLOBAL HUMANITARIANISM: COOPERATION AND COMPETITION

Chair: Volker Heins (KHK/GCR21, Duisburg / University of Bochum)

Cindy Horst (Peace Research Institute Oslo):
*Diaspora humanitarianism: The invisibility of a third humanitarian space*

Devon Curtis (University of Cambridge):
*China and the Insecurity of Development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)*

Jutta Joachim (University of Hannover) / Andrea Schneiker (University of Siegen):
*Private military and security companies: New players in global aid governance*

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30  Concluding Remarks
Dennis Dijkzeul (University of Bochum) and David Chandler (University of Westminster)