

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Disasters, Emergencies and Relief. Global Perspectives on the History of Humanitarian Interventionism since the 1970s

12-14 October 2022 in Munich

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Program

Wednesday, 12 October 2022

Venue: Cinema "Neues Maxim" (Landshuter Allee 33, 80637 Munich)

18:00-21:30 **Movie Night: No Man's Land (2001)**

Welcoming Remarks: *Agnes Bresselau von Bressensdorf/Tobias Hof*

Introduction of *No Man's Land*: *Fabian Klose (Cologne)*

Screening of *No Man's Land*

Evening get together
(*Das Neuhausen, Blütenburgstr. 106, 80636 Munich*)

Thursday, 13 October 2022

Venue: *Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History*
(*Leonrodstr. 46b, 80636 Munich*)

09:00 – 09:30 Registration & Coffee

09:30 – 10:00 **Welcoming Remarks:** *Martina Steber (Munich)*

10:00 – 12:00 **Panel I: Famines, Food Aid and Hunger Relief**

Chair: *Kiran Patel (Munich)*

Patrick Merziger (Leipzig): "Chop-Chop Quick Thinkers" and their "Famine Bombers". German Radical Humanitarianism in the 1980s

Tobias Hof (Toronto): Famine, Civil War and the Politics of Humanitarian Interventionism during the Ethiopian Famines in the 1980s

Susanne Maslanka (Berlin): Fearing a "winter of hunger" – German emergency relief food supplies for the Soviet Union in 1990/1991

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

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13:30 – 15:30

Panel II: Flight, Expulsion and Refugees

Chair: *Daniela Hettstedt (Munich)*

Agnes Bresselau von Bressensdorf (Berlin): Between Emergency Relief and Global Politics. Humanitarian Interventionism in the Afghan-Pakistani Borderlands in the 1980s

Randall Hansen (Toronto): Refugees and drivers of forced migration in the humanitarian crises of the two Gulf Wars (1990/91 and 2003-2011)

Bertrand Taithe (Manchester): The Changing Nature of Humanitarian Emergencies: Defining Needs from Refugee Camps to Hepatitis C Eradication, 1979-2021

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00

Panel III: (Hidden) Humanitarian Interventionism?

Chair: *Marc Frey (Munich)*

Volker Prott (Birmingham): The East Pakistan Crisis of 1971 and the Grey Zones of Humanitarian Action

Kevin O'Sullivan (Galway): Civil War in El Salvador and the Origins of Rights-Based Humanitarianism in the 1980s

Flavia Gasbarri (London): Humanitarian military intervention in Somalia 1992. An American Perspective

19:00

Dinner (*Ristorante Roma, Dom-Pedro-Str. 6, 80637 Munich*)

Friday, 14 October 2022

09:00 – 11:00

Panel IV: Humanitarianism between “Neo-Colonialism” and Self-Determination

Chair: *Michaela Zöhrer (Augsburg)*

Anthony Idoko Okpanachi (Anyigba): Charity and the African Child: Right, Responsibility, and Duty

Mathew Oluwaseun Ayodele (Stanford): Humanitarianism as a neo-colonial project

Donia Hasler (Fribourg): 1980 Ghana Red Cross Society sponsored by Switzerland

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- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:30 **Panel V: Solidarity, Religion and Humanitarianism**
Chair: *Ann-Sophie Schoepfel (Munich)*
Nicolas Constantin (Fribourg): "Für Frieden und sozialistischen Humanismus". The international work of the East German Red Cross in the Global South
Karin Adrienne Shapiro (Durham): Walter Khotso Makhulu and the creation of refugee policies for southern and east Africa, 1960-1990
Joseph Bosco Bangura (Leuven): The Fallen, Floods and Fires of Freetown: Interfaith Engagement with Environmental Disasters in Sierra Leone
- 13:30 – 14:00 **Concluding Remarks: Randall Hansen (Toronto)**
- 14:00 Lunch Snacks & End of conference

The conference is part of the annual theme *"The Cold War and Beyond. Neue Herausforderungen einer gegenwartsnahen Zeitgeschichte internationaler Politik"*, organised by the Berlin Center for Cold War Studies.

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