

CARE IN CRISIS –

ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES
ON HUMANITARIANISM

This conference introduces the notion of care into studies of humanitarianism. Care is a social activity produced by combinations of intimate and institutional practices. All of us need to be cared for, but care requirements are revealed more starkly and are often amplified in moments of acute need or emergency.

At the same time, in emergency and disaster situations, quotidian care arrangements can themselves undergo a crisis. Everyday routines may need to be adapted and radically changing conditions can call into question established procedures, or demand alternative modes of action.

Humanitarian intervention reconfigures caring institutions through new ways of knowing and representing suffering that emerge alongside organizational responses; it produces shifts in the organization and practice of care that profoundly reshape the sociality of those involved; and it is implicated in the production of new material environments that restructure the possibilities and limits of caring interventions. Contributors draw on ethnographic fieldwork to explore the mutual construction of entitlements, responsibilities and governance that shape practices of care in humanitarian contexts, as well as the moral underpinnings, materiality and lived realities of these dynamics.

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GUESTS

We welcome guests, but have only limited space. Therefore, we ask those interested to send their request to: Care_in_Crisis@uni-mainz.de and wait for a confirmation before booking their journeys.

For non-invited guests we will charge 20,- €, which will cover coffee- and tea-breaks for both days.

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PROGRAM

Thursday, February 22nd

18:30 h | **Welcoming remarks**

Thomas Bierschenk, dean of the faculty

Keynote: CARE BEYOND INNOCENCE

Miriam Ticktin, New School for Social Research, New York City

20:00 h | *dinner*

Friday, February 23rd

09:00 – 9:30 h | **Welcome and introductory remarks**

Heike Drotbohm & Hannah Brown

**SESSION I – Emerging knowledge:
translating morality and politics**

Moderator: Johannes Paulmann, Leibnitz-Institute for European History (IEG)

09:30 – 10:00 h | **Hard to reach: crisis, logistics and care in Papua New Guinea's health system**

Alice Street, University of Edinburgh

10:00 – 10:30 h | **The funnel effect: The ethical unraveling of care under the power of the ban**

Cristiana Giordano, UC Davis

10:30 – 11:00 h | **Navigating idle principles and necessary narratives: implications of professionalization in faith-based humanitarian intervention in post-earthquake Haiti**

Andrea Steinke, Free University Berlin

11:00 – 11:30 h | *coffee & tea break*

11:30 – 12:00 h | **'Change the Consciousness': Humanitarians, Europe, and Supervision in an IDP Camp in Montenegro**

Čarna Brković, University of Regensburg

12:00 – 12:15 h | **Discussant note**

Katharina Inhetveen, University of Siegen

12:15 – 12:30 h | **General discussion on session I**
lunch & after-lunch walk

**SESSION II – Emerging materialities:
fixing contingent temporalities**

Moderator: Thomas Bierschenk, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

15:00 – 15:30 h | **'Refugee integration' as contingent practice in Eastern Chad**

Andrea Behrends, Free University Berlin

15:30 – 16:00 h | **Sticky technologies: Plumpy'nut, emergency feeding, and the rise of viscous humanitarian designs**

Tom Scott-Smith, University of Oxford

16:00 – 16:30 h | *coffee & tea break*

16:30 – 17:00 h | **Care, compassion, conflict: a walk in the fever museum**

Adia Benton, Northwestern University

17:00 – 17:15 h | **Discussant note**

Hansjörg Dilger, Free University Berlin

17:15 – 17:30 h | **General discussion on session II**

19:00 h | *dinner*

Saturday, February 24th

09:00 – 10:00 h | **Keynote: CONSTRUCTING HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES TO PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: REFLECTIONS FROM RESEARCH AND PRACTICE**

Oliver Bakewell, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester

10:00 – 10:30 h | *coffee & tea break*

**SESSION III – Emerging socialities:
negotiating affective asymmetries**

Moderator: Konstanze N'Guessan, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

10:30 – 11:00 h | **Working on emotion: trauma training for humanitarian interventions**

Pia Maier, University of Konstanz

11:00 – 11:30 h | **Crisis – care – empathy: emerging socialities and the politics of solidarity in Greece**

Elisabeth Kirtsoglou, Durham University

11:30 – 12:00 h | **'I'm not that kind of person' – bringing warmth to the cold bureaucracy of the Danish welfare state**

Simon Turner, University of Copenhagen

12:00 – 12:30 h | **Beyond duty, solidarity and mission: sensitive encounters in Cuba's international medical cooperation with Brazil**

Maria Lidola, University of Konstanz

12:30 – 12:45 h | **Discussant note**

Amanda Hammar, University of Copenhagen

12:45 – 13:00 h | **General discussion on session III**

13:00 – 13:30 h | **Open final discussion**
lunch & departure