

# 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.

## VENUE

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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 22<sup>nd</sup>

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>

### 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