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Humanitarianism & the Media, 1900 - 2015

Richard von Weizsäcker Fellowship Conference

19 – 20 June 2015

Convener: Johannes Paulmann (Oxford / Mainz)

FRIDAY 19th June

From 8.30 Coffee

9.00 – 9.15

Johannes Paulmann (Oxford/ Mainz)

Welcome and Introduction

I Humanitarian Imagery



9.15 – 10.45

Chair: Johannes Paulmann

Katharina Stornig (Mainz)

Promoting Distant Children in Need: Christian Imagery in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

Rose Holmes (Sussex)

'Make the situation real to us without stressing the horrors!': Children, photography and British humanitarianism in the Spanish Civil War

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45

Chair: Nick Stargardt (Oxford)

Daniel Palmieri (ICRC, Geneva)

Humanitarianism on the Screen: The ICRC Films from the 1920's to the 1960's

Ulrike Weckel (Gießen)

'People who once had been human beings like you and me': Why Allied Atrocity Films of Liberated Nazi Concentration Camps in 1945/46 Universalized the Victims

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Chair: Elizabeth Edwards (De Montfort University)

Tobias Weidner (Göttingen)

The Human Gaze: Photography after 1945

Paul Betts (Oxford)

The Politics of Pity: Allied Snapshots of Post-Nazi Europe

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 17.15

Chair: Sebastian Gehrig (Oxford), TBC

Hilary Roberts (Imperial War Museum)

Don McCullin: Humanitarian and Photographer

Ilana Feldman (George Washington University)

Humanitarianism and Revolution: Samed, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, and the work of liberation

II Medialisation of the Humanitarian



17.15 – 18.00

Chair: Bernhard Gissibl (Mainz)

Patrick Merziger (Leipzig)

Medialisation of the Disaster Relief since the Second World War

19.00 Reception and Dinner

SATURDAY, 20th June

From 8.30 Coffee

9.00 – 11.15

Chair: Nathalie Berny (Oxford / Bordeaux), TBC

Heike Wieters (Berlin)

Media relations of CARE: Global Food Campaigns 1945-1980

Valérie Gorin (Geneva)

Advocacy strategies of the Western humanitarian NGOs, from the 1960s to the 1990s

Jan Eckel (Freiburg)

Information Battles: Knowledge, Media, and Transnational Human Rights Campaigns in the 1970s

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 14.00

Chair: Paul Betts (Oxford)

Suzanne Franks (City University London)

The view from the BBC – Public Broadcasting on Humanitarian Disaster and Relief since the 1980s

Maria Kyriakidou (East Anglia)

Watching the Pain of Others: Audience Reactions to Media Reports of Distant Disasters

Jean Seaton (University of Westminster)

Armed Forces, the Media and Aid: A Contemporary Conundrum?

14.00 Lunch and Farewell

Images:

1. *25 Jahre im Orient, 1896 – 1921. Ein Gang durch die Arbeit des Deutschen Hilfsbundes für christliches Liebeswerk im Orient*, Frankfurt a. M. 1921.
2. *Wiederaufbau in Haiti*, Poster from the “Mut zu Taten” campaign, Misereor 2014.