Gendering Humanitarian Knowledge

Global Histories of Compassion from the Mid-Nineteenth Century to the Present

Par Responsable éditoriale



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Program
Friday, 20 April 2018

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 Welcome and Introduction

What history of humanitarian relief?

- **Gian Marco Vidor** (iEH2, University of Geneva)

The faces of compassion in Sarah Monod's drawings during the Franco-Prussian War (1870-1871)

- **Dolores Martín Moruno** (iEH2, University of Geneva)

9:30-10:15 Keynote 1

Introduction: **Dolores Martín Moruno** (University of Geneva)

Feminism and humanitarianism in contention? Some episodes from British women's history, c.1880-1940

- **Anne Summers** (Birkbeck College, University of London)

10:45–12:15 Panel 1. Women Humanitarians: Heroines, Angels or Whores?

- Chair: **Davide Rodogno**(Graduate Institute, Geneva)

Female humanitarian work during the Carlist War (1872-1876): Concepción Arenal and the Ladies' Section of Spanish Red Cross

- **Jon Arrizabalaga** (IMF-CSIC, Barcelona)

Angels or harridans? Dr Hilda Clark and Edith Pye, female physicians in the First World War

- **Linda Palfreeman** (Universidad San Pablo-CEU, Valencia)

Between holy and whore. Female nursing during WWI

- **Leo van Bergen** (Netherlands Institute for Military History/Dutch Veterans Institute)

12:15-13:00 Keynote 2

- Introduction: **Gian Marco Vidor**(University of Geneva)

The emotional labour of doing relief work and writing about it: Emily Hobhouse's 'martyr complex', 1899 -1926

- **Rebecca Gill** (Huddersfield University)

14:30-16:00 Panel 2: Female Compassion as Humanitarian Action

- Chair: **Bertrand Taithe**(University of Manchester)

Temperance unions for mothers of every nation. Sword of compassion, shield of sisterhood and smashed saloons

- **Audrey Bonvin** (University of Fribourg)

An examination of Belgian nurses and godmothers: their emotional battle in the Great War

- **Marie Leyder** (iEH2/Institute of Gender Studies, University of Geneva)

Motherly humanitarians and Gold Coast Mothers: the Red Cross and maternal and infant welfare, c.1930-1950

- **Holly Ashford**(University of Cambridge)

16:30-18:00 Panel 3: Intersectionality Meets Humanitarians Knowledge

- Chair:**Irène Hermann** (University of Geneva)

British women's Armenian relief work (1894-1897): An attempt at a multi-layered gendered approach of humanitarian knowledge

- **Stéphanie Prévost** (Paris-Diderot University)

Health, gender and the Jewish nation in humanitarian practice after the Great War

- **Jaclyn Granick** (University of Oxford)

Female nurses, male doctors: Gendering humanitarian relief in Southern Republican Spain during the Civil War (1936-1939)

- **Xavier García Ferrandis** (Universidad Católica de Valencia)

Saturday, 21 April 2018

8:45-9:30 Keynote 3

- Introduction: **Jon Arrizabalaga** (IMF-CSIC, Barcelona)

Gendering the business practices of aristocratic humanitarians, the Stafford House Committee 1875-1885

- **Bertrand Taithe** (University of Manchester)

9:30-11:00 Panel 4: Glocal Reflections on Humanitarian Knowledge

Chair: **Valérie Gorin** (CERAH/University of Geneva)

Taking care of strangers: feelings of compassivity in Catholic voluntarism among the Daughters of Charity in Spain and Cuba,

1840-1900

- **Carlos Zuñiga Nieto** (Max Planck Institute for the Human Development)

A woman's grace: Emily Keene and British imperialism in Morocco

- **Francisco Javier Martínez Antonio** (Universidade de Evora, Portugal)

Humanitarian careers of Swiss women medical graduates in the first half of the 20th century Africa and India

- **Natalia Tikhonov Sigrist**(Vllaams Akademisch Centrum, Belgium)

11:30-13.00 Panel 5: Gendering Exiles: Experience as Humanitarian Knowledge

Chair: **Luís Manuel Calvo Salgado** (University of Zurich)

Gendering the Spanish exile in Post-War France: the surgeon María Gómez in the Hospital Varsovia of Toulouse

- **Àlvar Martínez-Vidal**(Universitat de València)

Traumatic pain: air raids, separation anxiety and the influence of Anna Freud's Hampstead War Nurseries

- **Leticia Fernández Fontecha** (Columbia University, USA)

Ukrainian women in relief work in refugee camps during WWII

- **Oleksandra Kunovska Mondoux**(University of Fribourg/World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations)

13:00-13:15 Final Discussion

Résumé

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