



# Workshop on the Study of “Humanitarianism”

October 20, 2017 (9:30 a.m. to 17:30 p.m.)

Sala del Torrino, Villa Salviati

**Organizers:** Prof Jennifer Welsh (EUI, SPS) and Prof Corinna Unger (EUI, HEC)

**Invited participants:** Kevin O’Sullivan (NUI Galway/Visiting Fellow HEC), Davide Rodogno (Graduate Institute, Geneva), Silvia Salvatici (University of Milan), Thomas Weiss (CUNY), Emanuela Gillard (EUI)

The goal of the workshop is to bring together leading scholars on humanitarianism to discuss current research approaches and to identify future research agendas that can bridge the divide between the social sciences and the humanities, and between theory and practice. Specifically, we would like to encourage an open exchange on the ways in which social scientific, legal and historical perspectives can be brought into dialogue with each other, and on possibilities of translating historical insights into the functioning of humanitarian work into future approaches. To do so, we have asked participants to present a short memo which identifies key issues in the study of humanitarianism (from their perspective), as well as some of their ongoing research, with the aim of highlighting aspects of their research that they: a) consider the most relevant, promising, or challenging methodologically or conceptually; and b) believe relate well to contemporary policy-making.

## PROGRAMME

9:30 Welcome and opening remarks

10:00 Morning session: The historical study of humanitarianism

Davide Rodogno, “Night on Earth: A history of humanitarian programs on behalf of civilian populations in the ‘faultlines of Western civilisation’ (1918-1939)”

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

Silvia Salvatici, “Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction: Humanitarianism in the Aftermath of WWII”

Kevin O’Sullivan, “The NGO Moment: Globalising Humanitarianism, 1968-85”

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 Afternoon session: The legal and social scientific study of humanitarianism

Emanuela-Chiara Gillard, “Humanitarianism today: The role of the law”

Thomas Weiss, “The fog of humanitarian analysis”

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 General discussion (led by Corinna Unger and Jennifer Welsh)

17:30 Close