

**PROTECTING THE UNPROTECTED
HUMANITARIAN ACTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS AFTER THE WHS**

21 – 22 September 2016

Situation Kunst – KUBUS, Nevelstr. 29c, 44795 Bochum, Germany



The conference serves as an opportunity for the 'Network on Humanitarian Action' (NOHA) to discuss themes and outcomes of the first ever World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), which took place in May 2016 in Istanbul.

It will focus on a WHS theme of particular importance: safety and protection. Millions of civilians suffer from the consequences of armed conflicts or natural disasters and are often subject to gross human rights violations. They are in dire need of protection. Even though safety and protection have become a central concern in humanitarian settings since the late 1990s with numerous norms and policies having been developed, the practical implementation of the new regime has been far from satisfactory. The need for improvement of this situation was a cornerstone of the WHS. It was declared an 'Action Area' with the aim to "keep people safe from harm by putting protection at the centre of humanitarian action". However, the results of the WHS in the area of safety and protection were heavily criticized and the humanitarian organization MSF even pulled out from the process in protest against an obvious neglect of the issue.

Registration:

If you would like to attend the conference, we kindly ask you to register with your full name and organization (if applicable) via email. Participation is free.

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Wednesday, 21 September 2016

13:30 – 14:30 Arrival and Registration of Participants

14:30 – 14:45 Opening Ceremonies

Pierre Thielbörger and Katrin Radtke, Ruhr University Bochum
Welcoming Remarks

14:45 – 15:30 Keynote Speech

Peter Billing, ECHO
Protecting the Unprotected: Humanitarian Action and Human Rights after the WHS

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Panel 1: Protection Norms and Policies: Fit for Purpose?

Hans-Joachim Heintze, Ruhr University Bochum
From the World Summit 2005 to the World Humanitarian Summit: New Challenges and the Evolution of Protection Norms in IHL

Patrycja Grzebyk, University of Warsaw
Regression in Protection: Recent Tendencies in Broadening the Scope of Armed Attacks

Heike Spieker, German Red Cross
Protecting the Unprotected: Which Price is the International Community Willing to Pay?

Tal Mimram, Israel Democracy Institute
Protection of Civilians in the Face of Human Rights Violations by the Islamic State:
A Critical Analysis of the UNSC Resolution 2170

Chair: **Brendan Cahill**, Fordham University

17:30 – 18:00 Break



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18:00 – 19:30 Roundtable: Outcomes of the WHS and the Future of Humanitarian Protection

NN, German Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Heike Spieker, German Red Cross

Florian Westphal, MSF Germany

Alain Lempereur, Brandeis University

Chair: Priya Behrens-Shah, Welthungerhilfe

Thursday, 22 September 2016

08:45 – 09:00 Welcome

09:00 – 10:30 Panel 2: Protection Practices and Gaps

Alain Lempereur, Brandeis University

Negotiation and Protection

Sergey Sayapin, KIMEP University Almaty

Humanitarian Access in Post-Soviet Armed Conflict Situations

Luis Enrique Eguren Fernández, Universidad Deusto

Framing the Practice of Humanitarian Protection: Drivers and Barriers

Phoebe Donnelly, Tufts University

Sexual Assault on Humanitarian Workers

Chair: Ronan McDermott, University College Dublin

10:30 – 11:00 Break



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11:00 – 12:30 Panel 3: Aid Workers Safety

Larissa Fast, American Academy for the Advancement of Science
Acceptance as Security Management Concept: When Does It Fail, When Is It Successful?

Bram Jensen, Wageningen University
Implementation Methods and Safety of Aid Workers in South Sudan

Joachim Gardemann, University of Applied Sciences Münster
Aid Worker Safety in the Context of Health Crisis: The Example of the Ebola Pandemic in Liberia and Sierra Leone

Gilles Hansoul, ICRC Brussels
The Relevance of the Neutral Impartial Independent Humanitarian Approach (NIIHA) for Humanitarian Protection

Chair: **Pat Gibbons**, University College Dublin

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Closing Session

Dennis Dijkzeul, Ruhr University Bochum
Wrap Up of the Conference and Discussion

14:30 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 17:00 Roundtable: Widening the Scope – The Results of the WHS, Innovation and the Future of Humanitarian Action

Andrej Zwitter, Groningen University

Ulrich Mans, Leiden University (tbc)

NN, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbc)

Dennis Dijkzeul, Ruhr University Bochum

Chair: **Joost Herman**, Groningen University

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From Bochum Central Station take subway 308 or 318 (towards Hattingen or Dahlhausen),
Station *Haus Weitmar*, 7 minutes on foot through the park.

By car from Bochum city center via Hattinger Straße, please turn right at the tram stop
Blankensteiner Straße into *Schlossstraße* where you find 30 parking places.
Within a 7 minutes walk through the park you reach the *KUBUS*.