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Humanitarian Relief in Latin America May 19, 2017, 12:30 – 20:00

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This interdisciplinary forum dedicated to humanitarian relief explores the indispensable role of international organizations in the context of an exacerbated world plagued by wars and natural disasters, which endanger the existence of uncountable people. Such catastrophes have additional, dreadful consequences, especially for those who already have to cope with adverse circumstances originated by severe social inequalities, unfavorable and rapidly changing geopolitics. The war in the Middle East impersonates all three aspects, whereas humanitarian organizations assumed the herculean task of mitigating the suffering of the IDPs without getting annihilated. In the field, the highly ethical commitment of humanitarian workers, willing to put their lives on the line, contributes essentially to the cause. Humanitarian assistance is also required for the rest of the world, particularly for Africa and Latin America. The US government's plan to cut the funding for foreign and humanitarian aid supposes an additional threat.

This conference on humanitarian relief gathers practitioners and academics from the private and public sector. The intentionally diversified experts will provide distinctive insights on the apparatus of humanitarianism, having to cope with the upcoming difficulties in a world, where countries are beginning to hesitate looking after each other for the sake of national security.

Conference Schedule

12:30	Prof. Dr. Yvette Sánchez (University of St.Gallen, CLS HSG): <i>Opening and Welcome</i>
12:45	Prof. Dr. Jacques Forster (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva): <i>Quality and accountability of humanitarian action</i>
13:15	Prof. Dr. Hans-Joachim Heintze (Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV, Ruhr University Bochum): <i>Humanitarian principles and the moral/legal dimension of the access to victims of humanitarian disasters.</i>
13:45	Dr. Alfredo Stein Heinemann (Lecturer in Urban Development Planning, University of Manchester): <i>Planning for humanitarian relief and climate change adaptation (Estelí/Nicaragua, Cartagena/Colombia, and Tegucigalpa/Honduras) [via Skype]</i>
14:10	Coffee break
14:30	Dr. med. Pedro Albajar Viñas (Medical Officer for Neglected Tropical Diseases, World Health Organization, WHO, Geneva): <i>Neglected tropical diseases: the case of Chagas in Latin America and Switzerland</i>
15:00	Dr. Marina Gold (Fundación Mundo Sano): <i>Humanitarian Assistance on site and in the diaspora: Chagas in endemic and non-endemic countries. The case of Santiago del Estero/Argentina and Geneva</i>
15:30	Gustavo Nanez: Musical Performance

15:40	Jean-Luc Bernasconi (Head of Division Europe, Asia and Americas, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, Humanitarian Aid and SHA): <i>Current humanitarian challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean: assessment and response from SDC's Humanitarian Aid</i>
16:10	Angharad Laing (Executive Director, Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection, PHAP, Geneva): <i>Humanitarian work across sectors</i>
16:40	Coffee break
17:00	Dr. Enzo Nussio (Center for Security Studies, ETH, Zurich): <i>Are yesterday's villains today's principal threat? Ex-combatants and post-conflict violence in Colombia</i>
17:30	Androulla Kaminara (Director for Africa, Asia, LatAmerica, Caribbean and Pacific in the Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), Senior Research Associate, King's College, London University): <i>The humanitarian challenges in Latin America in the context of global humanitarianism</i>
18:00	Gustavo Nanez: Musical Performance
18:10	Yves Daccord (Director-General ICRC): <i>From Bogotá to Washington, from Moscow to Aleppo, a humanitarian perspective on what is happening to us all</i>
19:00	Latin American Buffet

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