

# HUMANITARIAN RELIEF IN LATIN AMERICA

## Speakers



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**Pedro Albajar Viñas, Dr.**, is a medical officer to the World Health Organization (WHO) for Neglected Tropical Diseases. His research focuses on Chagas disease (American trypanosomiasis) and he is affiliated with the Autonomous University of Barcelona. Moreover, he serves in the board of advisors to the organization Kids for World Health.

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Previously, she has conducted research on the lived experience of the political project of the Cuban Revolution. She has also worked on the discourse of human rights and the refugee crisis in Europe.

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## Musician



**Gustavo Nanez** was born in Lima, where he studied Aeronautical Mechanics, Classical Guitar at the Johann Sebastian Bach Music Academy and Dramatic Art. Since 1991, he has been living in Zurich where he enhanced his skills through voice and percussion training, working as composer of music for movies and dance performances. He has produced theater plays for children and adolescents and started the foundation *Kolypan*. He recorded two solo-albums, *Píntame la casa* and *No me apagues la Radio*, the latter sponsored by Pro Helvetia. Lately, he has been working with *Kolypan* on the shows *Miiis! Weltpolitik* y *ROCK'N'REVOLTE*.  
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