

Socialist Humanitarianism in the Long Twentieth Century

Room A214, Samuel Alexander Building

University of Manchester

11-12th June 2024

Tuesday 11th June

10:00-10:30 – Welcome and tea/coffee

10:30-12:00 – Panel 1

Discussant: Siobhán Hearne (University of Manchester)

- Bogdan C. Iacob (“Nicolae Iorga” Institute of History, Romanian Academy) Overcoming Whiteness? Romanian Humanitarianism and Post-colonial West Africa
- Dora Tot (University of Florence) Between Principles and Pragmatism: Yugoslav Humanitarian Aid Policy in the Third World (1960s–1980s)

12:00-13:00 – Lunch, Room A213, Sam Alex

13:00-14:30 – Panel 2

Discussant: Yuexin Rachel Lin (University of Leeds)

- Čarna Brković (University of Mainz) Forging New Humanitarian Routes in Everyday Life: Transnational Actions of the Yugoslav Red Cross in the 1970s
- Severyan Dyakonov (New York University) The International Festival of Red Cross and Health Films in Socialist Bulgaria, 1965-1991

14:30-15:30 – Collection encounter with the Humanitarian Archive, Map Room, Main Library

15:30-16:00 – Tea/coffee

16:00-17:00 – Roundtable – Archiving histories of humanitarianism

- Flora Chatt (Humanitarian Archive)
- Janette Martin (John Rylands Research Institute and Library)
- Stephanie Seville (Museum of Medicine and Health)
- Bertrand Taithe (Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute)

Wednesday 12th June

9:30-11:00 – Panel 3

Discussant: Hanna Matt (University of Manchester)

- Claudia Martínez Hernández (University of Vienna) Navigating Solidarity and Benefits: Cuban Labor Programs in Late 20th Century Central Eastern Europe
- Lu Chen (University of Exeter) Solidarity Medicine: Socialism and Local Roots of Primary Health Care in China, India and Tanzania
- Siobhán Hearne (University of Manchester) Socialist Humanitarianism as Development: Soviet Red Cross Hospitals in the Global South

11:00-11:30 – Tea/coffee

11:30-13:00 – Panel 4

Discussant: Maria Cullen (University of Manchester)

- Francesca Rolandi (University of Florence) A Tale of Competing Visions of International Solidarity? The Struggle between Yugoslav Self-Managed Humanitarianism and the Hungry Child International Fund
- Maren Hachmeister (TU Dresden) Donate Blood - Save Lives! Blood Donation as a Practice of Socialist Humanitarianism in the Czechoslovak and Polish Red Cross

13:00-14:00 – Lunch, Room A115, Sam Alex

14:00-15:30 – Panel 5

Discussant: Janelle Winters (University of Manchester)

- Alila Brossard Antonielli (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) Visible and Invisible: Socialist Medical Aid to Mozambique and Angola
- Bertrand Taithe (University of Manchester) Between Bare Foot Doctors and International Aid: The Role of Medicine and Humanitarianism in the Nepalese Maoist Insurrection (1996-2008)

15:30-16:00 – Closing remarks