



NETWORK ON HUMANITARIAN ACTION (NOHA)
AND POLISH HUMANITARIAN ACTION (PAH)

HAVE A PLEASURE OF INVITING YOU TO ATTEND

A CONFERENCE ON

“CURRENT CHALLENGES IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION”

ORGANIZED TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARIES OF NOHA AND PAH

21st – 22nd November 2017

UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW, COLLEGIUM IURIDICUM II,

UL. LIPOWA 4, LEVEL -1, AUDITORIUM A3

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by November 19th, 2017.

CURRENT CHALLENGES IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

The conference aims to bring together different perspectives on current issues facing humanitarian aid worldwide. Through providing an academic forum for international and local entities engaged in humanitarian action, the conference enables the dynamic exchange between institutional, legal and practical perspectives of responding to challenges.

21st November 2017 / TUESDAY

- 10.30 -11.00 Registration
- 11.00 -11.30 Welcome address**
Prof Jolanta Choińska-Mika, Vice-Rector of the University of Warsaw
Prof Joost Herman, President of NOHA
Ms Janina Ochojska, President of PAH's Management Board
- 11.30 - 12.30 Prof Catherine Bragg, University College Dublin**
Twenty-five years: Maturity and Aspiration in Humanitarian Action
- 12.30 -13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 - 15:00 Session One: Rules, Principles and Values of Humanitarian Action**
International perspective: Jan Weuts, Caritas Internationalis
Legal perspective: Dr Dorota Heidrich, UW, NOHA
Discussion: Jan Weuts (Caritas Internationalis), Marek Stys (People In Need),
Muhammad Mian Junaid (Polish Humanitarian Action)
- 15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15 – 16:45 Session Two: Humanitarian Access and Assistance**
International perspective: Robert Ghosn, Belgium Red Cross
Legal perspective: Dr Elzbieta Mikos-Skuza, UW, NOHA
Discussion: Robert Ghosn (Belgium Red Cross), Alejandro Pozo (Medecins Sans
Frontieres), Marek Stys (People In Need & VOICE Board Member), Hushnid Sattarov
(Polish Humanitarian Action)
- 16:45 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30

Session Three: Grand Bargain: Practice vs. Policy

International perspective: Andras Derzsi-Horvath, Global Public Policy Institute

Discussion: Andras Derzsi-Horvath (Global Public Policy Institute), Anne Street (CAFOD & VOICE Board Member), Swati Abida (Norwegian Church Aid)

22nd November 2017 / WEDNESDAY

9:00 – 11:00

Session Four: Protection of Humanitarian Workers

International perspective: Alejandro Pozo (Medecins Sans Frontieres)

Legal perspective: Dr Agnieszka Bieńczyk-Missala, UW, NOHA

Discussion: Alejandro Pozo (Medecins Sans Frontieres), Robert Ghosn (Belgium Red Cross), Jackson Mungoni (Polish Humanitarian Action)

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Session Five: The Role of Technology and Data in MEAL

International perspective: Dr Bartel van de Walle, Delft University of Technology

Discussion: Dr Bartel van de Walle (Delft University of Technology), Kordian Kochanowicz (Polish Humanitarian Action), Katherine Kramer (Geneva Call), Peter Das (ZOA)

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 – 18:15

"World Humanitarian Summit - what's next?" / (Tyszkiewicz-Potocki Palace, Grand Ball Room)

Discussion on how to implement the conclusions from WHS and presentation of the results of NOHA students' projects ascertaining how the recommendations formulated during the European Humanitarian Roundtables were taken forward and reflected in the conclusions from WHS.

Part 1: various actors, including a representative of the European Commission, will give presentations on their standpoint on the way to implement WHS conclusions with students presenting their views on the results of these analyses;

Part 2: three separate workshops, each focussing on a group of conclusions from WHS during which all the participants will be actively taking part in discussing the manner of implementing the conclusions from WHS from their own perspective or that of their organisations.