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# **Aid, conflict and peace: collaborative research symposium programme**

Graduate School, Ellen Wilkinson Building,  
University of Manchester

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first collaborative research symposium hosted by the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI), University of Manchester. This student-led multidisciplinary conference will bring together researchers and students from across the University and beyond, with a shared interest in issues such as humanitarianism, conflict response, development and disaster response. We organised the symposium to create a supportive platform for students, junior academics and practitioners to showcase their ideas and celebrate their work. In doing so we hope an opportunity for collaboration will be created, where skills, knowledge and research projects can be shared.

HCRI is a research institute shared by the Faculties of Humanities and Medical and Human Sciences. HCRI conducts rigorous research on the impact and outcomes of contemporary and historical crises, and provides training at undergraduate and postgraduate level and for professionals interested in the humanitarian sector.

The work of HCRI is driven by a desire to inform and support policy and decision makers, to optimise collaborations between partner organisations, to foster increased understanding and debate within the field. Bringing together the disciplines of medicine and the humanities to achieve these goals, the Institute aims to facilitate improvements in crisis response on a global scale, whilst providing a centre of excellence for practitioners in emergencies and conflicts.

The Institute has developed a novel configuration for research and teaching which uniquely associates practitioners, non-governmental organisation (NGO) partners, theoreticians, policy makers and analysts in sustained intellectual engagement. Combining a targeted programme of research with timely analysis on current emergencies, the Institute seeks to develop new methodologies in the emerging field of humanitarian and conflict response research.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided in the atrium and will cater for vegetarians.

We would like to thank ArtsMethods for their funding contribution and hope you enjoy the conference!

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## Symposium location

Address: Graduate School, Ellen Wilkinson Building, Manchester, M15 6JA

Directions: The Ellen Wilkinson Building can be found just off Oxford Road, behind the Manchester Academy and Contact Theatre.

Maps: see the green arrow on the below image, or the interactive map on the University of Manchester website may be useful:

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/maps/interactive-map/>



### **Graduate School Atrium, Entrance to C block, Ellen Wilkinson Building**

The atrium will be open for registration from 8.30 am, will display the poster presentations and refreshments and lunch will be served here.

### **Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, First Floor, Ellen Wilkinson Building**

Oral presentation panels will be given in C1.18

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## Programme

**08.30**      **Poster candidates arrive**

**09.00**      **Tea, coffee, pastries and registration**

**09.20**      **Welcome**

Louise Tomkow

**09.30**      **Panel one: Violence and the individual**

**Rosanne Anholt, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands:** Governing (In)Security through Resilience.

**Jessica McCaughey, HCRI:** Imperfect injustice: An analysis of rape in conflict and the limitations of law.

**Lindsey Kent, NHS:** Post-traumatic growth in female survivors of political violence in post-golpe Chile.

Chaired by Isabelle Schlapfer, PhD candidate, HCRI.

**10.30**      **Break:** refreshments will be served in the Atrium.

**10.45**      **Panel two: Absent and present state power.**

**James Robb, Manchester Medical School, HCRI alumni:** Cuban medical internationalism: from implementing an ideology to commodifying doctors.

**Quint Hoekstra, Department of Politics, University of Manchester:** Helping insurgents win: How state support for rebel groups affects conflict outcome.

**Jenny Chapman, HCRI:** The complex dynamics of British humanitarian response: A case study of the 1998 Sudanese famine.

**Rosanna Glazik, Médecins du Monde:** On the ferries - the unmet healthcare needs of transiting refugees in Greece.

Chaired by Ben Gittins, PhD candidate, HCRI.

**12.15**      **Break:** Lunch will be served in the Atrium

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**13.15 Panel three: Humanitarianism and peace at home.**

**Amy Wisenfeld, HCRI:** Social deprivation in the United Kingdom – what the rising number of those depending on foodbanks can tell us about the implications of community conflict in the United Kingdom.

**Maillie McQuaid, HCRI:** An investigation into the construction of meaning and attitude formation around the Syrian refugee crisis: a qualitative approach focused on emerging, British adults.

**Marianna Stamoulakis, HCRI Alumni:** Solidarity beyond borders: Drivers of collective action in the Greek refugee crisis.

Chaired by Kristina Tschunkert, PhD candidate, HCRI.

**14.45 Break:** refreshments will be served in the Atrium.

**14.45 Panel four: Media and creativity in humanitarianism and conflict.**

**Zoe Van Schoor, HCRI:** The soundtrack of suffering: The role of audio in humanitarian campaigns.

**Emma Carter, Manchester Medical School, HCRI alumni:** How do media representations of refugees influence the way that Western audiences understand refugees?

**Bobby Smith, Department of Drama, University of Manchester:** Challenges for theatre in peacebuilding

Chaired by Eric Lepp, PhD candidate, HCRI.

**15.45 Keynote Speaker: Daniel Flecknoe:** Armed conflict, health and healthcare

Nottinghamshire County Council and Médecins Sans Frontières

Daniel is a specialty registrar in public health with a background in emergency nursing, trauma & orthopaedics and humanitarian aid work. He has worked as a mobile clinic nurse, medical team leader and health promotion specialist for Médecins Sans Frontières, most recently in Northern Iraq in 2016. Daniel is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and is the founder & chair of the Global Violence Prevention working group at the Faculty of Public Health. His

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professional interests include global health, human rights, conflict prevention and the social & political determinants of health.

**16.05 Close and prizegiving.**

Louise Tomkow and Eleanor Davey.

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## Poster presentations

Posters will be displayed in the Atrium throughout the day, for all delegates to engage with.

The poster authors will be asked to give a short (5 minute) oral presentation about their work during panel two to our judges, and will be available during the breaks for delegates to interact with their research projects.

## Poster titles

**Peter Lovell Rowan, Geography, University of Manchester:** Turkish Energy Nationalism: The political and social construction of energy security in Turkey.

**Bio:** Peter is a final year Geography student here at the University of Manchester. He developed a deep interest in issues surrounding peace and development after leading a youth development programme in India during a gap year, where he saw in practice that which academic theory attempts to explain: how international policy affects those often portrayed as disadvantaged. When later working at the European Parliament, he became interested in how international leadership and policy is shaped by many different intersecting discourses, practices, values and priorities. He explored this dimension further whilst studying at UC Berkeley last year, through courses surrounding ethics and justice in international affairs, development, public policy and political economy. The research Peter is presenting today is focused on how discourse can shape state energy policy, and reflects his ever-growing interest in international affairs and how they affect the disadvantaged.

**Hussain Al Lawati, HCRI:** A Developed Risk Assessment System for Disaster Risk Reduction.

**Bio:** Hussain is a medical doctor who worked in disaster medicine field, and was one of the initiators of a national health emergency operation centre (H.EOC) in Oman. He is also the founder and head of the health EOC in the capital region (Muscat). His areas of interest included risk assessment and reduction, capacity building, human resourcing development, emergency planning and emergency medicine.

**Fraser Brooks, Manchester Medical School, HCRI Alumni:** The Struggle for a Mozambican National Health Service: How International Aid Has Affected the Development of the Serviço Nacional de Saúde

**Bio:** Fraser is currently a fourth-year medical student on placement in Salford A&E, who intercalated on the HCRI MA program last year. In the future, he is interested in working in emergency medicine and acute care in resource poor settings around the world. Last year, alongside the HCRI MA he spent time improving his Spanish with the university's intermediate course. This is in preparation for an elective in Latin America next year.

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**David Mackintosh, HCRI Alumni:** The Goths: Europe's First Migrant Crisis.

**Bio:** David Andrew McIntosh is a graduate of both the University of Liverpool and Manchester, with degrees in Ancient History, Archeology, Late Antiquity and Humanitarianism & Conflict Response, with interests in Politics and Global Conservation. His work has centred on State deconstruction, inter-ethnic violence, migration theory and the history of the Balkans (the later two covered in his post-grad dissertations). Originally from Liverpool, David is a proud Northerner and a long standing supporter of the traditions and innovations of the great Red Brick universities. His work has taken him across Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa, notably the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda and Uganda.

**Dr Ruth Wiggins and Dr Alice Lee, NHS:** Barriers to accessing healthcare for refugees and asylum seekers: a survey of healthcare professionals.

**Bio:** Dr Ruth Wiggins is a respiratory and GIM registrar currently undertaking a PhD in occupational lung disease and Dr Alice Lee is a paediatric ST2, both based in the North West deanery. Alice completed an MA in 2012 at the HCRI. They are part of Medact Manchester, a local group of trainee doctors with an interest in understanding how global health inequalities drive ill-health at a local, regional and global level. Medact's aim is to improve both the health care people receive, and their rights to social justice, with a focus on prevention as well as curative measures. Medact feels strongly that with fairer, more transparent and rational decisions, they can improve the lives of people living in our area and beyond.

**Joe Watson, Manchester Medical School, HCRI Alumni:** Why is humanitarian assistance not effective? Exploring a framework for sustainable humanitarianism

**Bio:** Joe Watson is a fourth year medical student at the University of Manchester who recently completed an MA in Humanitarianism and Conflict Response. He has a strong interest in basic public health interventions and is a co-founder of the Manchester Global Health Society. In the future, Joe intends to work as a doctor in a resource poor setting.

**Millie Stokes, HCRI:** An exploratory study into the effects of Eurocentricity in the diagnosis of dementia

**Bio:** Millie is a third year medical student at Manchester taking a year out to study a BSc in Global Health. She is an active member of the Manchester friends of MSF society and hopes to do medical aid work abroad for NGO's once qualified.



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**Nikolai Kazantsev, University of Manchester:** Music and conflict transformation

**Bio:** Nikolai Kazantsev is a postgraduate student at the University of Manchester with a background of conflict transformation and youth diplomacy projects (2011-2015). Nikolai was a member of CoE Project Youth Peace Camp (2012), later organised an Erasmus initiative “Music as a common language” (2014) that created social network of musicians in Caucasus playing together for internally displaced people (IDPs). This project was top-listed and presented during the Sarajevo WWI Peace memorial event in 2014. Later Nikolai was a Content manager at the AEGEE European Student Forum conference (2015) aimed at tension reduction between the European youth in Burgos (Spain), and in the same year coordinated the first Euro-BRICS Young Leaders Summit in Helsinki.

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## Prizes

Awards of £25 and £15 worth of amazon vouchers will be given as first and second prizes respectively for the best oral and poster presentations.

The oral presentation judges are:

**Talita Cetinoglu:** Talita is a PhD candidate at the University of Manchester, Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute. Her research investigates the dynamics of program design, examining aid discourses, policies and practices. Talita has over 13 years of experience in the humanitarian field in emergency relief, health and advocacy projects in conflict settings, designing programs focused on mental health and gender based violence, and has conducted a number of assessments, surveys and impact evaluation studies in the field. Cetinoglu gained her M.A. in Sociology from Bogazici University and obtained a postgraduate Diploma on Forced Migration and Refugee Studies from American University in Cairo.

**Jenna Murray de Lopez:** Jenna completed a BA (Hons) in Social Work at the University of Salford and an MA and PhD in Social Anthropology at the University of Manchester. After 6yrs working in Reproductive Health and HIV prevention in Mexico, she returned to the UK in 2009 to work as a lecturer in Social Work and Social Policy at the University of Salford. Jenna joined HCRI in November 2016 as a lecturer in Humanitarian Studies (Global Health/Medical Humanitarian Aid). Her research interests are reproductive and sexual health, gender, personhood, kinship and everyday forms of violence. Her research region is principally, though not exclusive to Latin America.

**Bernadine Pierre:** Bernadine is the current HCRI MA student representative with previous studies in Biology, French, and Medical Anthropology. She has strong interests in global health and gender equality and aspires to manage humanitarian projects for INGOs.

The poster presentation judges are:

**Nicola Jones:** Nicola is in her first year of her PhD at HCRI; her research is focusing on chronic health conditions in low income, disaster prone countries. It will investigate how disasters and disaster responses affect the prevalence and management pre-existing health conditions, and how these conditions can be used as an indicator of health system vulnerability. When she is not sat at her desk working, she can usually be found camping/hiking/running in the great outdoors!

**Gemma Sou:** Gemma is a Lecturer at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester. Her research is interdisciplinary and she draws on postcolonial studies, development, anthropology and geography to explore the experience of 'at risk' and marginalised groups in cities of the Global South, as well as media representations of disasters and suffering others. She is particularly interested in using postcolonial theory to challenge and

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reinterpret dominant discourses and policies about disaster preparation, response, and recovery.

**Peter Johnson:** Peter is currently undertaking an MA in Humanitarianism and Conflict Response at the HCRI. He previously completed a BA in Politics and International Relations at the University of Exeter. His research has included using postcolonial and feminist theories to analyse media coverage of public health emergencies, and the use of social media technologies to foreground the voice of refugees.