

10:30 Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Chair: Thomas David (Lausanne)

**Felix Brahm** (Bielefeld)

Protecting the interior: Missionary concerns and the politics of restricting the arms trade in East Africa, 1870s to 1890s

**Dean Pavlakis** (Buffalo)

Debating the role of religion in the Congo reform movement, 1896-1913

12:30 Lunch

14:00-16:30

Chair: Alexandra Przyrembel (Essen/Göttingen)

**Francesco Spöring** (Zürich)

Spirits and spirituality: the Basle mission's anti-alcohol activism between Switzerland and West Africa, c. 1880–1940

**Nikolay Kamenov** (Zürich)

Evangelicals and Tolstoyans: global connections and abstinence activism in Bulgaria

16:30 Coffee break

17:00-18:45

**How to write a global history of humanitarianism:  
Concluding discussion and perspectives**

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## PROGRAMM

### Wednesday, 5 Sept. 2012

14:00 Welcome & introduction

14:30-17:00

#### I Global players and humanitarian networks

Chair: Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)

**Ian Tyrrell** (Sidney)

American missionaries and moral reform in the conception and mobilisation of humanitarian transnational movements in the age of formal empire, 1898-1934

**Daniel Maul** (Gießen)

»Lay upon us the burden of the world's suffering« - the Quakers transatlantic network of relief 1890-1940

**Jeffrey Cox** (Iowa City)

The invisibility of liberal Protestantism: from mission society to NGO in twentieth century Britain

19:00

**Des hommes et des dieux, Frankreich 2010**  
(dir.: Xavier Beauvois)

Screening and discussion at the Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte

### Thursday, 6 Sept. 2012

9:00-10:30

#### II Media and humanitarian mobilisation

Chair: Harald Fischer-Tiné (Zürich)

**Alexandra Przyrembel** (Essen/Göttingen)

Media, money, and empathy – missionary organizations and fundraising strategies in the 19th century

**Michael Berkowitz** (London)

From nationalization to refugee relief: photography, Zionist publicity and fundraising

10:30 Coffee break

11:00-13:00

#### III Gendering religious humanitarianism

Chair: Judith Becker (Mainz)

**Harald Fischer-Tiné** (Zürich)

Muscling in on Asia: the YMCA in India and Ceylon, c. 1890-1930

**Pamela Walker** (Ottawa)

Gender and British faith missions: the South Africa General Mission

**Jana Tschuren** (Zürich)

Science, religion, morality: the Women's Christian Temperance Union's educational programs

13:00 Lunch

14:30-16:00

#### IV Religious humanitarianism in transition

Chair: Rebekka Habermas (Göttingen)

**Mark R. Frost** (Colchester)

Humanitarianism from the other side: snapshots from Britain's Asian Empire, 1860-1920

**Gwilym Beckerlegge** (Milton Keynes)

Samnyasins (renouncers), jivanvratins (life-workers) and the growth of seva (service) as a sadhana (spiritual discipline): a study of recent expressions of Hindu humanitarianism inspired by Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902)

16:00 Coffee break

16:30-18:00

Chair: Vincent Viaene (Amsterdam)

**Esther Möller** (Mainz)

Adapting a Christian European organization to Islamic anticolonial needs: the Egyptian Red Crescent in the first half of the 20th century

**Soumen Mukherjee** (Berlin)

A »liberal« and secular imagination: Islam and Ismaili ethics in the twentieth century

19:30 Dinner

### Friday, 7 Sept. 2012

9:00-10:30

#### V Civilising missions in and outside of Europe

Chair: Andreas Eckert (Berlin)

**Thomas Weller** (Mainz)

The long road to abolition: Spanish discourses on slavery in the nineteenth century

**Bronwen Everill** (Coventry)

Mission station and anti-slavery settlement: the civilising mission and humanitarian interventions in British Africa

