Humanitarian Leadership and the Future of Humanitarian Action

22 May – 24 May 2019
Convenors’ message

Dear delegate,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2nd Asia Pacific Humanitarian Leadership Conference in Melbourne.

We have put together a practical and thought provoking program designed for Humanitarians, aid professionals and interested people from the Asia Pacific and around the world. This is an opportunity for key players in the sector to share analysis, experiences, best practice and information on emerging and continuing issues.

Over three days of plenary, panel and breakout sessions, the program includes over 25 separate sessions where delegates will hear from over 60 international and national speakers, who have travelled from over 15 different countries to be here.

We encourage you to engage with our presenters, as they share their knowledge and engage in debate on relevant, novel and insightful topics, issues and experiences.

Throughout the conference, there will also be many networking opportunities including the two official conference functions: an informal Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening and the Conference Dinner that will be held under the iconic spire of the Arts Centre Melbourne.

We would like to thank the IKEA Foundation and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for their support for the conference.

We wish you an excellent conference experience.

Yours sincerely,

Assoc Prof Phil Connors
CHL Director & Conference Co-Convenor

Mr Stephen McDonald
CHL Director & Conference Co-Convenor

Partners
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Guest Speakers

Per Heggenes  
Chief Executive Officer, IKEA Foundation

Per Heggenes is the CEO of the IKEA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of INGKA Foundation, the owner of the IKEA Group of companies. As CEO, Per sets and drives the Foundation’s funding and innovation strategies, and is a tireless advocate for children living in some of the world’s poorest communities.

Degan Ali  
Executive Director, Adeso

Degan Ali is the founder of Adeso. Adeso recognised the interconnection between humanitarian crisis, environmental degradation and climate change, and is a leader in advocating for strong policies for environmental justice, both in Somalia and around the globe.

Dr Hugo Slim  
Head of Policy, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva

Before joining ICRC in 2015, Hugo was Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC) at the University of Oxford where he led research on humanitarian ethics and the protection of civilians. Hugo has combined a career between academia and practice.

Lan Mercado  
Asia Regional Director for Oxfam

Lan Mercado is the Asia Regional Director for Oxfam. She oversees a portfolio that spans 14 countries and multi-country and regional programmes including advocacy and campaigns. She is focused on addressing inequalities and vulnerabilities in a region that boasts of economic growth.

Ms Akuol Garang  
Refugee Advocate – Conference dinner guest speaker

Akuol Garang is a Melbourne-based refugee and human rights advocate. While studying towards her Masters in Human Rights Law, Akuol volunteers for a number of organisations, including the Asylum Seeker Resource Center where she advocates for the Sudanese-Australian community, multiculturalism and for people seeking asylum in Australia.

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## Day 1 – Wednesday May 22

### 8:45am Plenary 1: Welcome Session
- **Chair** - Mat Tinkler - Save the Children Australia and CHL CEC
- **Boon Wurrung Foundation**
- **Welcome to Country**
- **Prof Jane de Hollander AO – Vice Chancellor, Deakin University**
  - **Official Conference Opening**
- **Steve McDonald and Assoc Prof Phil Connors - CHL Directors & Conference Co-Convenors**
  - **Opening Address**
- **Degan Ali – Executive Director, Adeso**
  - The Future of Truly Localised Aid: A vision beyond 2020

### 10:25am Morning Tea

### 10:50am Plenary 2: Localisation
- **Chair** - Assoc Prof Phil Connors
- **Elkahlout, Dr Ghassan**
  - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies
  - Remotely Managed Localisation of Humanitarian Action: Yemen as a case study of disconnection between theory and practice
- **Nissen, Lars Peter; Walton-Ellery, SANDIE**
  - ACAPS
  - The Interface Between Localisation and Improving Our Understanding of Humanitarian Needs
  - **Response** - Degan Ali; Panel discussion/Q&A

### 12:20pm Lunch

### 1:20pm Session A: Transformative Practice  
**Chair** - Melanie Book
- **Bienz, Tobias**
  - University of St. Gallen
  - Humanitarian Entrepreneurship and Employee Shares
- **Reichardt, Hannah; McClure, Dan**
  - 1Save the Children UK  
  - 2Practical Clarity
  - Solving the Hardest Problems, Together: A framework for working collaboratively (via video link)
- **Keegan, David; Smilovic, Melita**
  - HOST International
  - Creating Opportunities for Refugee Youth to Participate in Designing and Implementing Local Solutions (Project Stand Up Youth Representative via video link)
- **McCusker, Michael**
  - Invisible Children
  - Using HF Radio as a Medium to Prevent and Detect Ebola in Low Resourced, Rural and Geographically Isolated Communities (via video link)

### Session B: Diversity
- **Chair** - Nazanin Zadeh-Cummings
- **Henty, Pip**
  - Humanitarian Advisory Group
  - Draving on Diversity - Humanitarian Leadership
- **Woof, Lana; Dwyer, Emily; Vulavou, Isikeli**
  - 1Oxfam Australia  
  - 2Rainbow Pride Foundation
  - Down by the River: Addressing the rights, needs and strengths of Fijian sexual and gender minorities in disaster risk reduction and humanitarian response
- **Akhter, Dr Shahida**
  - Protection of Women, Girls and Children in the Asia Pacific Region

### Session C: Climate Change
- **Chair** - Rebecca Barber
- **Subhashis, Roy**
  - Lutheran World Relief
  - Integrated Multi-Year Organisational Preparedness Plan to Combat Humanitarian Crisis
- **Bidnell, Andrew; Solés Linares-Rivas, Amaia**
  - 1InsideOut Consulting  
  - 2InsideOut Adventrue
  - Extraordinary Times Require Extraordinary Leaders (via video link)

### Session D: Localisation
- **Chair** - Degan Ali
- **Tokavou, Noa**
  - Pacific Community (SPC)
  - Localisation and Adaptive Capacity: Small Pacific Island perspective
- **Mulk, Masood Ul Sarhad**
  - Rural Support Programme
  - Building Local Capacity to Undertake Humanitarian Work: Learning from the Experience of Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP) in Pakistan
- **Banfield, Alice**
  - Centre for Humanitarian Leadership
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Chair - Steve McDonald  
**Per Heggenes - CEO, IKEA Foundation**  
How We Think About Leadership at the IKEA Foundation  
**Lan Mercado - Asia Regional Director, Oxfam**  
Humanitarian Futures for Asia

#### 10:25am | Morning Tea

#### 11:00am | Plenary 4: Leadership in a Shifting System
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Chair - Rebecca Barber  
**Henck, Andrew**  
University of San Diego  
Changing Cultures: Strengthening humanitarian leadership in a VUCA world  
**McAvoy, Daniel**  
Centre for Humanitarian Leadership  
Narratives of Success: Crowding Out Local Leadership  
Response - Lan Mercado and Per Heggenes; Panel discussion/Q&A

#### 12:35pm | Lunch

#### 1:25pm | Session I: Interactive Panel Session
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Chair – Humanitarian Advisory Group  
**Brown, Jason¹**  
**Husein, Rahmawati²**  
**Lees, Jessica³**  
**McCosker, Louise⁴**  
**Wellard, Jeremy⁵**  
¹Australian Humanitarian Partnership  
²Muhammadiyah Disaster Management Center (MDMC)  
³Humanitarian Advisory group  
⁴International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
⁵ICVA  
Charting the new norm: Finding our feet under local leadership in Sulawesi and Lombok

#### 1:25pm | Session J: Disaster Preparedness
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Chair – Sophie Perreard  
**Ingram, Annalise**  
Australian Red Cross  
Localisation: A global commitment in an Australian remote Indigenous context  
**Parayil, Gopinath**  
The Blue Yonder  
Situational Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Innovation During Disasters- The Chekutty Doll Story  
**Carnaby, Elsa¹**  
**Argiando, Dino²**  
**Bere, Ancilla³**  
¹Oxfam Australia  
²Oxfam Indonesia  
Beyond the Partnership Approach

#### 1:25pm | Session K: Health
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Chair – Lizzie Irvine  
**Beek, Dr Kirsten**  
Dawson, Angela  
University of Technology Sydney  
Capacity to Deliver Sexual and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Crises in the Philippines: Lessons on preparedness, governance & localisation  
**Coghlan, Rachel**  
Centre for Humanitarian Leadership  
Remembering the Humanity of Humanitarian Response: The place of compassionate palliative care in conflict settings  
**Durham, Joanne**  
Queensland University of Technology  
Understanding and Improving the Humanitarian Response to Toxic Remnants of War  
**Brockington, Sonia¹**  
Lim, Dr Karen²  
Kaushik, Dr Shivangi³  
van der Pligt, Dr Paige²  
¹Centre for Humanitarian Leadership  
²Deakin University  
³Action Against Hunger India  
Outcomes of Untreated Severe Acute Malnutrition in India: A study of children aged 6-59 months in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

#### 1:25pm | Session L: Military and Emergency Services
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Chair - Lauren Harris  
**Harris, Vandra¹**  
**Eggleston, Beth²**  
¹RMIT University  
²Humanitarian Advisory Group  
Military Humanitarianism: NGO and military perspectives  
**Chapman, Emily**  
UNSW Canberra  
Civil-Military Leadership During Natural Disaster Responses  
**Calindas, Laarnie**  
Philippine Military Academy  
Kant’s Categorical Imperative in Military Disaster Response  
**Bailey, Paul¹**  
**Northrope, Meg²**  
¹Fire & Rescue NSW  
²DFAT  
Flexible Responses to Humanitarian Disasters in the Indo Pacific Region
### 3:30pm - Session M: The Rohingya Response

**Chair:** Melanie Book

**Chefchaouni, Nora Charif; Ochoa, Beatriz**

Save the Children Australia

The Rohingya crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh: A comparative analysis of the humanitarian action in the field of emergency education

**Rai, Subadhra**

National University of Singapore

Building the Capacity of Rohingya Refugees: Training community mental health practitioners and health champions

**Barber, Rebecca**¹; Briggs, Caelin²

¹Centre for Humanitarian Leadership
²World Vision Australia

Government Leadership in Preventing and Responding to Conflict-Related Humanitarian Crises

### 3:30pm - Session N: Humanitarian Response

**Chair:** Laurette Hargreaves

**Stelmach, Tanya**

RMIT

Carving Space: Why violence against female aid workers matters for the delivery of the Australian Humanitarian Strategy

**Kenni, Lazarus; Lees, Jessica**

Humanitarian Advisory Group

Extractives and Emergencies: The Papua New Guinea earthquake response

**Cusack, Leo**

Aspen Medical

A Private Sector Response in a Conflict Zone: Aspen medical’s support to the humanitarian crisis in Northern Iraq

**Martin, Helen**¹; Fianagan, Karen AM²

¹Centre for Humanitarian Leadership
²Save the Children Australia

Complex Emergencies/Complex Trauma

### 3:30pm - Session O: Humanitarian Response

**Chair:** Lan Mercado

**Obuseh, Francis; Sotirin, Barbara, Cooper, Faith; Osemwengie, Kennedy; Brown, Gerald S**¹

Tufts University

Policy Recommendations From the Implementation of the West Africa Disaster Preparedness Initiative (WADPI)

**Barton, Greg**¹; Sonrexa, Juhi²

Kelly, Leanne³; Ware, Anthony⁴; **Husey, Dave**²

¹Deakin University
²Plan International Australia

The Value of INGOs Engaging in Prevention of Violent Extremism

**Zadeh-Cummings, Nazanin**¹; Book, Melanie¹; Harris, Lauren²

¹Centre for Humanitarian Leadership
²Save the Children Australia

Humanitarianism in the DPRK: Sanctions and future directions

### 3:30pm - Session P: Humanitarian Career Continuum

**Chair:** Samantha Davis

**Davis, Samantha**

Save the Children UK

Implementing an Economically, Socially and Environmentally Sustainable Professionalised Global Humanitarian Career Continuum

Per Heggennes will be in this session.

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9:00am | Plenary 5
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Chair – Prof Matthew Clarke

Dr Hugo Slim – Head of Policy, International Committee of the Red Cross
Leading Big and Small: Balancing scale and detail in humanitarian leadership today

Q&A

10:15am | Morning Tea

10:45am | Plenary 6
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Chair – Jeremy Wellard

Localisation and Complementarity in Different Humanitarian Contexts

Judy Slatyer – Australian Red Cross, CEO; Hugo Slim – ICRC, Head of Policy; Degan Ali – Adeso, Executive Director

12:00pm | Lunch

1:00pm | Session Q: Ethics
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Chair – Kathryn Harries

Harris, Howard¹; Harris, Vandra²
¹RMIT
²University of South Australia

Humanitarian Ethics 101: On learning ethics by coursework

Walther, Cornelia
UNICEF

Compassion 4 Change: Leadership from the inside out (via video link)

1:20pm | Session R: Faith
---|---
Chair – Professor Matthew Clarke

Lauria, Belinda¹; Canete, Aloysius²;
¹Canete, Rebekah²; George, Ethel³
¹Anglican Overseas Aid
²Transform Aid International
³Anglican Church of Melanesia

Church Networks and Localisation Practice in the Pacific

Mitchell, Bob; Hartley, Tim;

Von Kalm, Nils

Anglican Overseas Aid

It’s All in the Framing: Religious belief and the call to humanitarian action

1:40pm | Session S: Leadership
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Chair – Sophie Perreard

Chan, Edward¹; Lopinski, Raymond²
¹Engineers Without Borders - Hong Kong
²Green Plain Promotion Ltd

Engineers Without Borders – Hong Kong – Global Citizenship Program

Khumalo, Peter Zwade

Relief Food Aid Organisations and Traditional Leadership Nexus in Empowering Recipients and Improving Delivery

2:20pm | Plenary 7: Closing Session
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Assoc Prof Phil Connors

Closing Remarks

2:50pm | Farewell Afternoon Tea
Official Social Functions

Welcome Reception
Deakin Downtown | 5:15pm Wednesday 22 May 2019
Open to all delegates.

Canapes and non-alcoholic drinks will be served directly after the close of proceedings on the first day of the conference.

Conference Dinner
Arts Centre Melbourne | 6:45pm Thursday 23 May 2019
RSVP only

The Pavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne
100 Swanston Street, Melbourne

We are delighted that Akoul Garang, Melbourne based human rights and refugee advocate will be our guest speaker at the dinner.

Dinner includes welcome canapes, plus two courses, and drinks. Dress is neat business attire.

Farewell afternoon Tea
Deakin Downtown | 2:50pm Friday 24 May 2019
Open to all delegates.

Join us for afternoon tea at the close of proceedings on the final day of the conference.

Asia Pacific Humanitarian Leadership Conference

The purpose of the 2019 Asia Pacific Humanitarian Leadership Conference is to bring together leading humanitarian thinkers from around the world for three days of plenary sessions, panels, presentations and networking opportunities.

You will have the opportunity to critically reflect on the challenges facing good leadership in the humanitarian space and the future of humanitarian action in the Asia Pacific and fragile states.

The conference theme Humanitarian Leadership and the Future of Humanitarian Action provides the framework for four key areas that will be explored:

• Humanitarian leadership in a shifting system
• The future of humanitarian action
• Climate change and leadership
• Localisation
About the Centre for Humanitarian Leadership

The Centre for Humanitarian Leadership is a collaborative venture between Deakin University and Save the Children that combines good humanitarian practice with academic rigour.

We work with humanitarian leaders to influence how humanitarian organisations, and the system, respond to and engage with the increasingly complex humanitarian environment.

Our vision is that disaster and conflict-affected communities aiming to achieve social and economic resilience and recovery will be supported by a humanitarian system that is characterised by leadership excellence.

Find out more at centreforhumanitarianleadership.org

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This conference follows the success of the inaugural conference that was held in 2017. The 3rd Asia Pacific Conference will be held in 2021.
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You’re an experienced humanitarian practitioner. And whether you’re out in the field responding to a crisis, or behind your desk preparing for the next one – you’ve always had one nagging thought: ‘We could do better.’

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