



The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, in cooperation with the University of Lapland, and the Ethics Politics and Emergencies –research project present:

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME:

POLITICAL THEATERS OF SUFFERING

Humanitarian Politics and Representation of Distant Suffering

At the Finnish Institute of International Affairs,

On Thursday 15th March 2012, at 09:00–18:00

08:30 Registration and coffee

09:00 *Opening of the Symposium*

Teija Tiilikainen, Director, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Annica Moore, University of Lapland (for general instructions)

09:10 *1st Keynote & Q/A*

Post-humanitarianism: The Contemporary Politics of Solidarity

Lilie Chouliaraki, Professor, London School of Economics

10:15–12:20 Parallel Sessions (1st and 2nd Sessions)

	1 st Session <i>Socio-political construction of crisis and suffering</i> Chair: Julian Reid	2 nd Session <i>Representing the Global Other</i> Chair: Mika Aaltola
10:15	<i>Robot technology and the drone stare: seeing or un-seeing humanitarian suffering?</i> Kristin Bergtora Sandvik , Senior Researcher, PRIO and Kjersti Lohne , PhD Candidate, Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, University of Oslo	<i>Social representation and the visual construction of distant suffering</i> Matteo Stocchetti , Senior Lecturer (PhD) Arcada University of Applied Science
10:40	<i>War, ethical encounter and the issue of ‘strategic communications’</i> Dr. Caroline Holmqvist , London School of Economics and Political Science and the Swedish National Defence College	<i>Libya – who is protected in the new politics of protection?</i> Jaana Karhilo , Senior Teaching Fellow, Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
11:05	<i>Citizen camera witnessing and crisis reporting</i> Sanna Ojajarvi & Mervi Pantti Media and Communication Studies, University of Helsinki	<i>Mediatized Martyrdom</i> Lilly Korpiola , University of Helsinki



11:30	<p><i>"Building Aceh Back Better"? – Discourses of 'New Aceh' as Performative and Politicised Social Space</i> Marjaana Jauhola (PhD), Senior Researcher, University of Turku; Visiting scholar at the Department of Political and Economic Studies, University of Helsinki</p>	<p><i>The Sticky Figures of Suffering Children</i> Mona Mannevo, University of Turku, Gender Studies</p>
11:55	<p><i>UN Peacekeeping in Civil Wars: Mission Possible?</i> Darya Pushkina, St. Petersburg University</p>	<p><i>Sisterhood and Unity? Images of Women in Yugoslavia's History</i> Vesna Adic, University of Belgrade and Brendan Humphreys, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki</p>

12:20 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 2nd Keynote & Q/A:
The Political Utility of Catastrophe
Julian Reid, Professor, University of Lapland

Coffee Available

14:45–16:50 Parallel Sessions (3rd and 4th Sessions)

	<p>Session 3: <i>New perspectives to the aesthetics of distant suffering</i> Chair: Lilie Chouliaraki</p>	<p>Session 4: <i>Migrants and camps in a global humanitarian gaze</i> Chair: Pierluigi Musarò</p>
14:45	<p><i>A picture paints a thousand words: A genealogical approach to the study of visual representations of humanitarian crises</i> Marina Karbowski, M.A., Lecturer and Research Associate at the Chair of International Relations, University of Tuebingen</p>	<p><i>Global Flows as a Theatres of Cruelty: Portraying and Policing Human Mobility from West Africa to EU</i> Dr. Mika Aaltola, Finnish Institute of International Affairs</p>
15:10	<p><i>Mediatized visual discourse, suffering and security: the case of #Neda</i> Rune Saugmann, Centre for Advanced Security Theory (CAST), University of Copenhagen</p>	<p><i>Scenes of misery: Inquiring after the responsibility of the consumer?</i> Anitta Kynsilehto, Eeva Puumala, Tiina Vaittinen & Tarja Väyrynen, COMPORE – Research group on corporeality, movement and politics; School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere</p>
15:35	<p><i>Cosmopolitan empathy and user-generated disaster appeal videos on YouTube</i> Dr. Mervi Pantti & Minttu Tikka, Department of Social Research, Media and Communication Studies, University of Helsinki</p>	<p><i>The politics of maritime surveillance as a tool for alleviation of boat migrants' suffering: does seeing more offer a better humanitarian gaze?</i> Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert, Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)</p>



16:00	<i>Imagining the Evil Other. Visual Construction of the Evil Opponent in Contemporary Humanitarian Politics</i> Noora Kotilainen , The Finnish Institute of International Affairs & University of Helsinki	<i>Urbanization as a Balm: Instant Refugee Camps and an Architecture of Aid</i> Anooradha Iyer Siddiqi , Ph.D. candidate, New York University
16:25	<i>Humanitarianism, Imagery And The Emotional Encounter With Suffering: A Critical Investigation of the Narrative Logics of Compassion in Western NGO Advertising Campaigns</i> Juha Käpylä , University of Tampere, Finland & Denis Kennedy , University of Minnesota, USA	<i>Frames of Suffering: Alternative Representations of Haitians after the Earthquake</i> Annica Moore , University of Lapland

Coffee available

17:00 *3rd Keynote & Q/A:*
Victims or heroes? Notes on the Moral Geography of the World
Pierluigi Musarò, Assistant Professor,
University of Bologna & Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, USA

Concluding Words & Chair of the conference:

Mika Aaltola, Programme Director, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs

18:00 End of Symposium

Keynote speakers:

Professor **Lilie Chouliaraki**, The London School of Economics (LSE), UK

Post-humanitarianism: The Contemporary Politics of Solidarity

Lilie Chouliaraki is Professor of Media and Communications at the London School of Economics and Research Director of POLIS, LSE's think tank for journalism and society. Chouliaraki's research interests broadly include Social and Cultural Theory, Ethics and Political Philosophy as well as Corporate Communication, Communication Theory and Discourse Studies. She is the author of *The Spectatorship of Suffering* (Sage, 2006).

Professor **Julian Reid**, University of Lapland

The Political Utility of Catastrophe

Julian Reid is Professor of International Relations at the University of Lapland. Previously he has taught at King's College London, Sussex University, and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). He is the author of *The Liberal Way of War*, with Michael Dillon, (Routledge, 2009) and *The Biopolitics of the War on Terror* (Manchester University Press, 2006).

Dr. **Pierluigi Musarò**, IPK Visiting Scholar, NYU; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Political Science, Bologna University
Victims or heroes? Notes on the moral geography of the world.

Pierluigi Musarò's research focuses on the links between political consumerism and citizenship, as well as between humanitarian action in developing countries and civic engagement, with special reference to the humanitarian discourse of compassion for the victims. Recent research and publications have examined the relationship between humanitarian marketing strategies, visual construction of human suffering and moral imaginary.