Beyond Relief and Rehabilitation: UNRRA in Historical Perspective, 1943-1947

Thursday, June 28th, 2018
Newcastle University | Armstrong Building

09:30 – 10:00 Coffee and Registration

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome Remarks: Samantha Knapton and Katherine Rossy

10:15 – 11:45 Panel I: Trajectories of Displacement

Chair: Samantha Knapton (Newcastle University)

- “Armed with nothing more than “the two hands, the smile, and the trust in God:” UNRRA Efforts to Aid Holocaust Survivors in the Immediate Postwar Period in Germany”
  – Kierra Crago-Schneider (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

- “UNRRA and the Unaccompanied Children: Child Search in the American Zone of Occupied Germany (1945-1947)”
  - Widy Novantyo Susanto (Bilkent University)

- “Feeding Europe under British Rationing: Relief Efforts for the Continent after the Second World War”
  – Kelly Spring (Sassoon Visiting Fellow, University of Oxford)

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee and Tea

12:00 – 13:30 Panel II: A New Kind of Humanitarianism

Chair: Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck, University of London)

- “Communists Need to Eat, Too: The UNRRA Missions to Ukraine and Byelorussia”
  – Amanda Bundy (Columbus Academy)

- “Machines, Oxen, and the Ghosts of War: UNRRA in China”
  – Joseph Lawson (Newcastle University)
“Paving the way for a new democracy? UNRRA in post-war Italy”
– Silvia Salvatici (University of Milan)

13:30 – 14:30  Lunch

14:30 – 16:00  Panel III: UNRRA in Global Perspective

Chair: Katherine Rossy (Queen Mary University of London)

• “UNRRA and the Near East Foundation”
– Joshua Thew (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies)

• “Saving Volos: The UNRRA and The Orlando Plan”
– Lisa Camichos (Hickory High School)

16:00 – 16:30  Coffee and Tea

16:30 – 17:30  Keynote Address

"UNRRA and the history of (nearly) everything"
Dr Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck, University of London)

17:30 – 18:30  Wine Reception

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