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Special 10-Year International Conference

Humanitarian transition: : current status of a concept being challenging by crises

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**'Humanitarian Transition:
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Sciences Po – Paris**

2013–2023: 10 Years of Research at the Heart of Vulnerabilities

This year, together with the French Red Cross and all its partners, the Foundation is celebrating ten years of commitment to humanitarian and social research. How could we not mark this milestone by looking back over all these years of scientific activity, all the research results by thematics and all the geographic areas studied, without forgetting to open up avenues alongside with researchers and humanitarian actors for the years to come?

The Foundation will be looking back over the road travelled, during an international conference, organised in partnership with the *Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD)* and the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) at Sciences Po in Paris.

Entitled 'Humanitarian Transition: the current status of a concept being challenged by crises', this conference discusses the concept that underpins its programme, in the light of recent crises, such as exiles in Europe and at sea, the COVID-19 pandemic and the extreme climatic hazards that are causing disasters. It will be the culmination of a series of publications and activities throughout 2023, with the aim of bringing together students, scientists, association leaders and political decision-makers around the major contemporary vulnerabilities and possible ways of working together constructively to find solutions with and for society.

The publication *L'Essentiel scientifique : 10 ans de recherche au cœur des vulnérabilités* [*The scientific Essential: 10 years of research at the heart of vulnerabilities*], a groundbreaking publication by the Foundation, bringing together elements of capitalisation and prospective, will be officially launched during the conference.

Programme

8:45 am – 9:15 am	<p>Welcome Coffee</p>
9:15 am – 10:00 am	<p>Opening speeches [FR/ENG]</p> <p>Speakers: Philippe DA COSTA, President of the French Red Cross and the French Red Cross Foundation</p> <p>Christopher RASSI, Chief of Staff and Director of the Office of the Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)</p> <p>Valérie VERDIER, Chairwoman of the Board and CEO of the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD)</p> <p>A representative of the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po</p>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<p>Humanitarian transition in the face of crises, an introduction [FR/ENG]</p> <p>Virginie TROIT, Director of the French Red Cross Foundation</p> <p>GRAND TÉMOIN: Prof. Jean-François MATTEI, Honorary President of the French Red Cross and former President of the French Red Cross Fund</p> <p>Launch of the publication ‘The Scientific Essential: 10 years of research at the heart of vulnerabilities’</p>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Round table – Humanitarian transition [FR/ENG]</p> <p>‘Humanitarian transition ten years after: the challenges of an object of study between local and international levels’</p> <p><i>Over the last ten years, the humanitarian sector has undergone profound changes, both exogenous and endogenous, shedding new light on the dynamics of the ‘transition’ or paradigm shift that are taking place: calls for ‘localisation of aid’, new international standards and assistance practices, changes in the relationship between public authorities and NGOs, the polarisation of societies, anti-discrimination movements, big data and new technologies, and so on. This round table will provide an overview of this transition, which combines change and inertia, in the light of the major humanitarian crises of recent years, whether health-related, migratory or climatic.</i></p> <p>Moderation: Virginie TROIT, Director of the French Red Cross Foundation</p> <p>Discussant: Prof. Jean-François MATTEI, Honorary President of the French Red Cross and former President of the French Red Cross Fund</p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From humanitarianism to humanitarianisms Dorothea HILHORST, Professor of Humanitarian Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, and President of the IHSA • Local NGOs faced with health crises in a context of humanitarian transition Anicet ZRAN, Historian, Lecturer at the Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké (Côte d'Ivoire) • Local action in the face of vulnerability and international models Christine NTAHE, President of the Burundi Red Cross
<p>12:00 pm– 12:30 pm</p>	<p>A youth perspective to the debate [FR/ENG]</p> <p>'What future for humanitarian action?'</p> <p>Contribution of students from the 'Master in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action' at Sciences Po's School of International Affairs (PSIA)</p>
<p>2:00 pm– 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Round table – Migrations [FR only]</p> <p>'Exiles and hospitality: the migratory experience in question'</p> <p><i>In recent years, the increase in forced displacements worldwide has led to a number of humanitarian crises on every continent. Numerous studies in the humanities and social sciences have sought to gain a better understanding of the life trajectories of exiles, enabling humanitarian aid agencies to work more effectively alongside them. This round table will bring together the different viewpoints of sociologists, geographers and political scientists, all of whom are needed to grasp the various facets of the migration phenomenon and draw lessons from these different crises.</i></p> <p>Moderation:</p> <p>Marie-Caroline SAGLIO-YATZIMIRSKY, Ethnologist, Director of the <i>Institut Convergence Migrations</i></p> <p>Julien ANTOULY, Coordinator of scientific programmes and research valorisation at the French Red Cross Foundation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lives and journeys of Ukrainian exiles in Europe Filip SAVATIC, Postdoctoral Researcher on the Migration Governance and Asylum Crises (MAGYC) project at the <i>Centre de recherches internationales (CERI)</i> at Sciences Po Paris • Socio-professional integration of young people in Agadez, in a context of migratory crisis Aissata IGODOE, PhD in Sociology, Associate Researcher at UMR 196 CEPED • Women asylum seekers in Ile-de-France: social determinants of the risk of sexual and gender-based violence Nina SAHRAOUI, Philosopher, CNRS research fellow (GTM-CRESPPA) • Rescue challenges in the central Mediterranean Fabienne LASSALLE, Deputy Managing Director of SOS Méditerranée

<p>2:00 pm – 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Round table – Health and epidemics [FR/ENG]</p> <p>‘Epidemics and health beyond medicine: what can be done to overcome the obstacles to health care utilisation?’</p> <p><i>Epidemics all too often reveal unexplored new links between humanitarian action (which ‘embarks’ social science researchers), international development policies and local public action which, in the wake of epidemics, have been able to develop reaction and adaptation mechanisms. Lines of action intersect, and sometimes overlap, at the individual level between those affected and health professionals or volunteers, at the operational level across a wide range of territories, and at the institutional level in terms of standards and strategies. It is also at the heart of social ties and their breakdown, which are crystallised by the epidemic. The aim of this round table, without limiting itself to the subject of epidemics, is therefore to describe these new links with a twofold concern: on the one hand, by looking at the ability of players to capitalise on past experiences when a crisis occurs (for example, the HIV-AIDS, Ebola and COVID-19 epidemics) and, on the other, by presenting practical cases that show how research into these issues renews the links with public health players and decision-makers and prepares them to act more effectively.</i></p> <p>Moderation:</p> <p>Laurent VIDAL, Anthropologist, Director of Research at IRD Virginie TROIT, Director of the French Red Cross Foundation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New links and challenges for institutional and community responses in Africa, from Ebola to COVID-19 Alice DESCLAUX, Health Anthropologist, Director of Research at IRD • Water in Mayotte: a story of how vulnerable populations are adapting to a crisis that has become ordinary Aude STURMA, Environmental Sociologist, CNRS Research Fellow • From Bouaké to Marseille: funeral rites in response to epidemics Firmin KRA, PhD in socio-anthropology, lecturer at the Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké (Côte d’Ivoire) • Emergency COVID-19: the contribution of the international humanitarian approach to the national response Vincent FALGAIROU, technical expertise manager at the French Red Cross
<p>3:45 pm – 5:15 pm</p>	<p>Round table – Risks and disasters [FR/ENG]</p> <p>Climate risks and disasters: understanding and coping with them</p> <p><i>Driven by a number of factors, including climate change, ‘natural’ disasters are increasing all over the world, causing major humanitarian crises. However, they remain the product of social vulnerabilities, and technical responses are not sufficient to strengthen people’s resilience. This round table will use research in the human and social sciences to examine the various aspects of preparing populations, the effects of ‘natural’ disasters on social cohesion, and the vulnerability factors of the various geographical areas. It will provide new insights and avenues for action, but also considerations on public policies, the importance of the local context or the new issues involved in risk management.</i></p>

	<p>Moderation:</p> <p>Sandrine REVET, Anthropologist, Director of Research at CERi, Sciences Po Camille RAILLON, Scientific Project Officer at the French Red Cross Foundation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating humanitarian aid to address vulnerability in the far north of Benin Georges DJOHY, Socio-Archaeologist, University of Parakou, (Benin) • From post-disaster reconstruction to vulnerability reduction: what levers for adaptation? Annabelle MOATY, Geographer, Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris • Between polycrisis and rampant crises. What kind of crisis management for the humanitarian sector? Jan VERLIN, Sociologist, Geopolitics of Risk Chair, ENS • Evidence: doing better, not just as before Omar ABOU SAMRA, Director of the Global Disaster Preparedness Centre, IFRC
<p>3:45 pm- 5:15 pm</p>	<p>Round table – Research challenges [FR only]</p> <p>‘Conducting research on and with humanitarian practitioners: what are the ethical, financial and methodological issues?’</p> <p><i>Since the emergence of modern humanitarianism, marked by the creation of the ICRC, humanitarian action has become an important field of research. Over the last ten years, more and more research has been carried out not only ‘on’ but also with the humanitarian sector, based on the questions and thoughts of those at the heart of the humanitarian response. This round table will take stock of the significant development of collaboration between the scientific and humanitarian sectors, the different forms it can take and its results, in order to discuss the conditions for its success and the major challenges that remain in terms of strengthening the link between research and humanitarian action.</i></p> <p>Moderation:</p> <p>Vincent LEGER, Research Officer at the French Red Cross Foundation</p> <p>François AUDET, Doctor of Philosophy, Director of the Canadian Observatory on Crisis and Humanitarian Action (OCCAH), Professor at JQAV</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research sheds light on food aid for migrants Estelle FOURAT, Sociologist, MSF-SLD Project Officer, Laureate of a Research Fellowship from the French Red Cross Foundation • Giving meaning to crises, violence and conflicts Maria Gabrielsen JUMBERT, Geopolitologist, Director of Research at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) • Science at the service of humanitarian and community health Sandrine SIMON, Director of Health and Advocacy at Médecins du Monde

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A history of humanitarianism Eleanor DAVEY, Historian, Specialist in international humanitarian action
5:15 pm - 5:30 pm	<p>Closing speeches [FR only]</p> <p>Prof. Francis AKINDES, Vice-President of the Scientific Council of the French Red Cross Foundation Françoise FROMAGEAU, Vice-President of the French Red Cross Foundation</p>
5:30 pm- 6:30 pm	<p>Research Awards 2023 – Prize-giving Ceremony [FR only]</p> <p>Presentation: Prof. Eric DELAPORTE, President of the Scientific Council of the French Red Cross Foundation</p> <p>Presentation of the four 2023 Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Research Awards presented with 3,000 euros • One 10-year Special – ‘Avenir’ Award presented with 3,000 euros • One honorary prize
6:30 pm	Reception