



# POLITICS, HUMANITARIANISM, AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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100 YEARS

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## Welcome

As the organising committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to this conference looking back over Save the Children's 100-year history to explore the relationship between politics, humanitarianism, and children's rights.

We are passionate about Save the Children, as humanitarian practitioners and scholars. It has taken us four years from the original idea to get to this point, and we are hugely excited that it's happening at last!

Anniversaries are a good moment to take stock: to analyse and reflect on the values and politics that led to the founding of a movement, on the extent to which they have changed over time in response to both external and internal factors, and on what this tells us about the movement's potential future role.

Save the Children is one of the oldest of the world's major humanitarian NGOs. It has a uniquely rich archive, and its compelling history is a rare and precious asset. Save the Children also has access to decades of experience and expertise in the form of current and former aid workers. Yet, despite this, within the organisation relatively little is known of Save the Children's past.

However, in recent years a growing community of historians has been researching and writing about the history of Save the Children and the humanitarian sector more generally. This conference will bring these

scholars together with past and present Save the Children staff, as well as others who have witnessed the organisation's relief operations. In this way it will allow the organisation's past to be more accessible to the present generation, and safeguarded for the future.

By means of panels examining key moments in Save the Children's history, and workshops exploring key themes that cut across the different periods, we aim not only to celebrate the organisation's successes, but also to look critically at its shortcomings. Our approach rests on the assumption that understanding history is as much about looking forward as looking back.

Finally, we would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors who have generously contributed in a number of different ways to make this event possible.

And thanks to all of you for being here. Enjoy the conference!

### The Conference Committee

Anna Wyatt, Emily Baughan, Fernando Espada, Gareth Owen, Gemma Edom, Juliano Fiori, Mike Aaronson, Milli Cooper, and Tim Allen.



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## Monday 8 April

09:15–09:30	Introduction Professor Tim Allen (Director, LSE Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa) Kevin Watkins (Chief Executive, Save the Children UK)	Hong Kong Theatre
09:30 – 10:45	<b>Internationalism and Foundation Story</b>	Hong Kong Theatre
10:45–11:10	<b>BREAK</b>	
11:10 – 12:30	<b>Imperialism, Decolonisation, and Development</b>	Hong Kong Theatre
12:30–13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13:30 – 15:10	<b>Thematic Workshops</b> (running concurrently)	
	Aid in the Archives	CLM 3.02
	Humanitarianism vs. Politics	CLM 4.02
	Children's Rights	CLM 6.02
15:10–15:30	<b>BREAK</b>	
15:30 – 17:00	<b>Biafra – Bangladesh: the 1960s and 1970s</b>	Hong Kong Theatre
17:00–18:30	Exhibition & pre-lecture reception	Location to be announced one week before event
18:30 – 20:00	<b>LSE Public Lecture*</b> Panellists: Mary Robinson, Mike Aaronson, Rafia Zakia, Maryam Ahmed; Chair: Alcinda Honwana	Location to be announced one week before event

\*Please note, conference attendees must have secured a ticket for this event

## Tuesday 9 April

09:00–09:20	Youth ambassadors Save the Children youth ambassadors will speak about what children's rights mean to them. They will consider challenges for children's rights today and what can be done to address these challenges.	Hong Kong Theatre
09:20–10:50	<b>Ethiopia and Sudan: The 1980s</b>	Hong Kong Theatre
10:50–11:10	<b>BREAK</b>	
11:10 – 12:40	<b>Rwanda, Bosnia, and Somalia: The 1990s</b>	Hong Kong Theatre
12:40 - 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13:30–15:10	<b>Thematic Workshops</b> (running concurrently)	
	Children in Conflict	CLM 3.02
	Gender and Humanitarianism in the 20th & 21st Centuries	CLM 4.02
	Humanitarian Innovation. Past, Present and Future	CLM 6.02
15:10 – 15:30	<b>BREAK</b>	
15:30 – 17:00	<b>Iraq to Yemen: The Present Century</b>	Hong Kong Theatre
17:00 – 18:00	Closing session	Hong Kong Theatre

## Plenary Sessions

The six plenary sessions will examine the relationship between politics, humanitarianism and children's rights by moving chronologically through the last 100 years. They will focus particularly on challenges faced by the organisation during key moments of its history, and how these challenges were dealt with.

### Internationalism and Foundation Story

In this session, Emily Baughan, a historian of twentieth century internationalism, will discuss the origins of Save the Children, the ideals of its founders, and the historic relationship between humanitarianism, war and imperialism. Her presentation will be based on her forthcoming (2020) book, "Saving the Children: Humanitarianism, Internationalism and the British Empire".

**Speaker:** Emily Baughan

**Guest Chair:** Juliano Fiori

### Imperialism, Decolonisation, and Development

This panel brings together historians and critics to discuss the origins of humanitarianism in empire, and the relationship between decolonisation and development. It situates the history of Save the Children within the broader context of the growing aid sector after 1945, drawing on the expertise of scholars who have researched Oxfam, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Christian Aid, and the relationship of these organisations to European imperialism and its end.

**Panellists:** Andrew Thompson, Anna Bocking-Welch, Matthew Hilton

**Guest Chair:** Yohann Koshy

### Biafra – Bangladesh: the 1960s and 1970s

This panel is the first that will involve Save the Children UK alumni, a number of whom began humanitarian work during the Biafra-Nigerian war. It will consider the impact of the increasingly visible (to a Western public) disasters in the late 1960s and early 1970s. How much did mass media transform public perceptions of distant suffering and did humanitarianism gain a new legitimacy, with an increased emphasis on human (and children's) rights? And, like the other witness seminars, it will address the connection between 'humanitarian crisis' and institutional change: How did this impact on Save the Children's thinking about its own role? How did it manage the transition from being an establishment organisation run mainly by former colonial servants and military officers to a modern international relief and development organisation?

**Panellists:** John Seaman, Mike Aaronson, Marie-Luce Desgrandchamps, Sami Kent

**Guest Chair:** Eleanor Davey

### Ethiopia and Sudan: The 1980s

This panel will include consideration of the response to the 1983-5 famines in the Horn of Africa. In particular, it will address questions about access, impartiality, and collaboration with host governments. Was Save the Children UK's generally pragmatic approach sensible and effective or at odds with its values? For example, how did it view

cross border operations into areas not under the control of the Mengistu regime? How did it justify continuing to work under the auspices of the regime despite the latter's use of 'resettlement' as a form of social engineering, and in this regard how did its thinking differ from that of others, for example MSF?

**Panellists:** Angela Penrose, David Alexander, Wendy Fenton, Rae McGrath, Peter Poore

**Guest Chair:** Dan Brockington

### Rwanda, Bosnia, and Somalia: The 1990s

This panel will consider the challenges flowing from the end of the Cold War, with the implosion of states in East and Central Europe and a rash of post-colonial conflicts in Africa. Huge emergency and long-term development needs meant difficult choices had to be made about priorities. The very nature of humanitarianism became a matter for debate as significant human rights violations led to dilemmas about advocacy versus operational response. Charity fundraising became big business and tensions grew between how organisations analysed the world in private and how they chose to depict it in public to maximise support. Did Save the Children succeed in 'putting principles before profit' and how well did its values of collaboration stand up in an increasingly competitive market place? How successfully did it balance the need to maintain humanitarian impartiality and neutrality with addressing egregious violations of human rights in, for example, the DRC after the Rwandan genocide?

**Panellists:** Hussain Mursal, Lizzy Berryman, Mark Bowden, Phoebe Mukazera

**Guest Chair:** John Borton

### Iraq to Yemen: The Present Century

This panel will consider the development of Save the Children as a corporate multinational INGO. In the aftermath of the Western 'liberal interventionism' of the 1990s, how well did the organisation maintain its independence while receiving substantial funding from governments that were themselves parties to a conflict? In a period of unprecedented institutional and public funding for humanitarian work, and the resulting drive to greater international collaboration between different Save the Children member organisations to maximise these opportunities, how well did it manage expansion and the increasingly complex connections between country and regional offices and members? How well did it respond to the new counter-terrorism requirements that became prominent post 9/11? How well did the organisation's values and politics survive these challenges?

**Panellists:** Carolyn Miller, Gareth Owen, Miatta Gbanya, Rachael Cummings, Toby Porter

**Guest Chair:** Bertrand Taithe

### Closing Panel

This closing panel will reflect on the two days of conversation, focusing on the main themes emerging from the different panels and workshops. The panellists, who will have followed the sessions closely throughout the two days, will also consider the relevance of themes to current debates on the future of humanitarian aid. And they will offer suggestions as to how the conference might contribute to the strategic discussions of Save the Children and other humanitarian agencies.

**Panellists:** Laura Hammond, Lewis Sida, Milton Rondó Filho, Raphael Denis, Shaheed Fatima

**Guest Chair:** Fernando Espada



## Thematic Workshops

With an interactive format, the thematic workshops will be held between the chronological sessions, connecting them with the key themes of the conference. The aim of the thematic workshops will be to interrogate the current and future discourse and practice of Save the Children, as well as other humanitarian organisations, in the light of the past 100 years.

### Aid in the Archives

This session will consider the archives of Save the Children UK, focusing on some of the early accounts of the history of the organisation (from 1921). Participants will have the opportunity to work with copies of archival materials to understand the Save the Children foundation story.

The session will examine how and why histories of humanitarianism have been written, who by, who for, and what is left out. It will also explore the use of visual imagery and how this squares with the organisation's values. It will ask the question: do organisations such as Save the Children make as much of their history as they should do?

**Facilitator:** Jamie Perry

**Discussants:** Mike Aaronson, Stephanie Roberts, Holly Waughman

### Humanitarianism vs. Politics

This session will ask participants to reflect on their own understandings of humanitarianism and politics, to ask if the two things are necessarily opposed, and how the interplay of the two has shaped response to humanitarian emergencies.

Can humanitarian action be truly apolitical, and what political compromises should humanitarians be prepared to make to help achieve their mission? How well has Save the Children UK managed these dilemmas and preserved its integrity throughout its history?

**Facilitators:** Fernando Espada, Juliano Fiori

**Discussants:** Mihir R. Bhatt, Camila Braga

### Children's Rights

This session will examine Save the Children UK's historical relationship with children's rights, looking at the text of the 1924 and 1989 declarations and asking to what extent they are 'political' or 'humanitarian'.

Is 'children's rights' an essentially political project masquerading as a humanitarian one, or is it a truly humanitarian one, which nonetheless can only be implemented using political means? To what extent do children's rights, because of their all-encompassing nature, provide a conceptual underpinning for bridging the gap between emergency response and longer-term development? How has Save the Children viewed the relationship between children's individual rights and the collective rights of the families, communities, and wider societies in which they live?

**Facilitator:** Emily Baughan

**Discussants:** Bill Bell, Shanaaz Mathews, Afua Twum-Danso Imoh, Karen Wells

### Children in Conflict

This session will ask participants to connect changing international child protection norms with shifts in the nature of conflict over the last 100 years. It connects the conference and the history of Save the Children UK with an ongoing inquiry into the protection of children in conflict and highlights the importance of understanding the past in order to make meaningful interventions in present day policy.

To what extent does Save the Children's history indicate a move away from 'saving children for the world' to 'saving children from the world'? How much has Save the Children attempted to shape – and how much has it been shaped by – the so-called 'liberal international order'?

**Facilitator:** George Graham

**Discussants:** Siham Amer, Laura Hammond, Katharine Williamson

### Gender and Humanitarianism in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries

Save the Children was founded by two sisters in 1919. In the early- twentieth century, the humanitarian sector was one of the few spaces that offered professional career trajectories for women.

Throughout the history of Save the Children, major advances in humanitarian policy and practice have been led by women aid workers around the world. Despite this, by the middle of the twentieth-century, aid had become an increasingly 'masculine' profession, dominated in its upper echelons by former army and navy professionals.

In the wake of the #aidtoo movement, this workshop interrogates present-day gender relations at Save the Children in light of the past, and the legacies of patriarchy in humanitarianism.

**Facilitator:** Róisín Read

**Discussants:** Saba Almubaslat, Gabrielle Daoust, Synne Dyvik, Zamzam Ibrahim, Charlotte Lydia Riley

### Humanitarian Innovation. Past, Present and Future

Throughout its history, from the introduction of calorie-based meal plans in the 1921 Russian famine, to the use of helicopter surveying technology in the 1980s, Save the Children has piloted new techniques and technologies for the delivery of aid.

This workshop session examines the role of innovation in the history of Save the Children and raises broader questions about aid agencies' appetite for risk-taking in an age where institutional donors' requirements are more demanding and unrestricted funding is at a greater premium. In so doing it considers where, in the current socio-political-economic climate, the future of humanitarian innovation lies.

**Facilitators:** Gwil Purchase, Hannah Reichardt

**Discussants:** Chamutal Afek Eitam, Jess Camburn, Alice Moltke Ladekarl, Alice Obrecht, Max Vieille

*\*Pending confirmation*

## Public Lecture

**Monday 8 April 18:30-20:00**

In 2019, Save the Children celebrates 100 years of working at the interface of politics, humanitarianism, and children's rights. What does the future hold?

Bringing together a panel of leading experts, the conversation will analyse how children's rights have transformed over the last 100 years. We will consider how the relationship between politics and humanitarianism is changing amidst transformations in the global ideological landscape, and where this leaves us for the future.

### Chair



#### Alcinda Honwana

Alcinda Honwana is a Centennial Professor at LSE based in the Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa and the Department of International Development. She is also a Visiting Professor of Anthropology and International Development at the Open University, where she held a Chair in International Development. Professor Honwana has been an Inter-regional Adviser on social development policy at the United Nations and a Program Director at the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) in New York. She taught anthropology at the New School of Social Research in New York and at the University of Cape Town.

Alcinda has carried out extensive research on political conflict and politics of culture; on the impact of war on children, youth and women as well as on youth politics, social movements and political protest. Her most recent books include *Youth and Revolution in Tunisia* (2013) and *The Time of Youth: Work, Social Change and Politics in Africa* (2012).

### Panellists



#### Maryam Ahmed

Maryam graduated as a youth ambassador for Save the Children Nigeria in 2018. She has advocated for children's rights in Nigeria and in international forums. She particularly campaigns to end child marriage and sexual abuse, and to ensure girls have access to education and reproductive rights. Maryam works with various rights organisations, organising discussions with adolescent girls about the challenges they face. She is the leader of the Chibok Girls Ambassadors, and she has organised marches demanding the release of the Chibok girls. In 2017, Maryam performed her

poem 'A Girl with a Book' on Capitol Hill: "...no soldier, no gun, no landmine and no bomb has ever succeeded in shutting me down – there is nothing more powerful than a girl with a book".



#### Mary Robinson

Mary Robinson is President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice. She served as President of Ireland from 1990-1997 and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. She is a member of the Elders and the Club of Madrid and the recipient of numerous honours and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from the President of the United States Barack Obama. She sits on the advisory board of Sustainable Energy For All (SE4All) and is also a member of the Lead Group of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement.

Between 2013 and 2016 Mary served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy in three roles; first for the Great Lakes region of Africa, then on Climate Change and most recently as his Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate.

A former President of the International Commission of Jurists and former chair of the Council of Women World Leaders she was President and founder of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative from 2002-2010 and served as Honorary President of Oxfam International from 2002-2012.

Mary Robinson serves as Patron of the Board of the Institute of Human Rights and Business, is an Ambassador for The B Team, in addition to being a board member of several organisations including the Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the European Climate Foundation. She serves as Chancellor of the University of Dublin since 1998. Mary's memoir, *Everybody Matters*, was published in September 2012.



#### Mike Aaronson

After graduation, Mike spent two years in Nigeria as a Save the Children relief worker in the Biafran conflict. After 16 years in the UK Diplomatic Service he rejoined Save the Children, initially as international director then, from 1995-2005, as chief executive.

While at Save the Children, he served as a Governor of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and was a founder and subsequently Board Chair of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva.

After Save the Children he was a Civil Service Commissioner, Chair of Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust, and a non-executive director of Oxford Policy Management (OPM). He also established cii – the Centre for International Intervention – at the University of Surrey, where he is now Director Emeritus and an Honorary Visiting Professor.

Mike chairs the Research Councils UK (RCUK) Strategic Advisory Group for the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF). He is an Honorary Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

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### Rafia Zakaria

Rafia Zakaria is an author, editor and attorney. She has been a weekly columnist for DAWN, Pakistan's largest and oldest English language daily, since 2009. Her column is syndicated in newspapers globally through the Inter Press Service. She writes the "Alienated" column for The Baffler and has previously been a regular columnist for Al Jazeera America. She also writes regularly for Guardian Books and is a CNN Opinion contributor.

From 2009-2015, Rafia served on Board of Directors of Amnesty International USA and was the first Pakistani-American woman to do so. In autumn 2016 she was part of the "How Should Journalism Cover Terrorism" Project at the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University. In autumn 2017 she, along with political scientists Kate Cronin-Furman and Nimmi Gowrinathan, published the "Emissaries of Empowerment" report for the Colin Powell Center for Civic and Public Leadership. Rafia is the author of two books, "The Upstairs Wife: An Intimate History of Pakistan" (2015) and "Veil" (2017).

## Youth Ambassadors

We are very pleased to welcome five Save the Children youth ambassadors to the conference: Karim from Syria, Purity and Maryam from Nigeria, Raphael from Tanzania, and Mustajab from Afghanistan. Drawing on their own experiences and insights, they are powerful advocates for children's rights. 2019 marks not only the centenary of Save the Children, but also the thirtieth anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In their contributions to different sessions of the conference, the youth ambassadors will discuss what children's rights mean to them. They will also reflect on the challenges for children's rights thirty years after the convention was signed. We look to them as leaders in the effort to address these challenges.

## Exhibition

Using photographs – some of them dating back 100 years – from Save the Children's archive, this exhibition charts the history of both Save the Children itself, and international aid. It examines the early work of Save the Children in Britain and Europe, innovative work in education and nutrition, and the pioneering work of locally trained Save the Children staff in counties across the world. The exhibition also showcases the changing visual identity of Save the Children over the past 100 years, and raises questions about the kinds of fundraising images that have been used across the decades. It is comprised of around 40 photographic images, and reproductions of archival documents both in display cabinets, and as silk wall hangings. The exhibition is supported by research from Emily Baughan's upcoming monograph entitled 'Saving the Children – Humanitarianism, Internationalism and the British Empire, 1918-1970'. It has been curated by Kara Blackmore with archival support from Jamie Perry. Source images are available through Save the Children's London office, the Women's Library collection in the LSE Library and the University of Birmingham archives.



**The exhibition will be launched at the pre-lecture reception on Monday 8 April from 17:00.**



Photo: Save the Children archives, by Jamie Perry



## Biographies

### Abdulkarim Albrem

Karim is a Save the Children youth ambassador, who advocates for the protection of refugees and supports Save the Children in promoting children's rights. Karim was studying economics in Aleppo, Syria, when the war forced him to flee. After living in a reception centre for almost a year, Karim now holds a temporary residence permit to live in Germany. He is also a youth ambassador for the UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council.

### Afua Twum-Danso Imoh

Afua is a Lecturer in the Sociology of Childhood at the University of Sheffield. Afua has also worked for ECPAT International, an international NGO based in Bangkok, Thailand working against the commercial sexual exploitation of children, and undertaking consultancies for the Institute of Security Studies in Pretoria, South Africa and the Ghana NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child in Accra, Ghana.

### Alice Moltke Ladekarl

Alice has worked in the humanitarian sector for the past 20 years; for the Red Cross and Save the Children, as Head of Operations, Regional Director and Humanitarian Director. Her current role is Senior Innovation Adviser for Save the Children Denmark. Alice promotes child and youth participation, localization and will always challenge 'can't be done'.

### Alice Obrecht

Alice is a Senior Research Fellow at ALNAP, based at the Overseas Development Institute. Alice came to ALNAP from the Humanitarian Futures Programme where she led a 3-year project providing capacity building and technical support to the ECOVAS Commission. She earned her PhD in 2011 from the LSE, working on the ethics and legitimacy of NGOs and has worked as a consultant and researcher on accountability in global governance and international aid.

### Andrew Thompson

Andrew is the Executive Chair of the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the UKRI Champion for Global Challenges Research Fund. He is a historian of modern empire, and his latest project is on international humanitarianism. His new book linked to this research, which will be published by Oxford University Press, is called 'Humanitarianism on Trial: How a global system of aid and development emerged through the end of empire'.

### Angela Penrose

Angela worked as a journalist and teacher in several African countries before working for Save the Children where she became Director of Policy. She has written extensively on humanitarian issues including "The Ethiopian Famine" and edited "The Humanitarian Decade" with Mark Bowden for OCHA which reflected on 10 years of GA Resolution 46/182.

### Anna Bocking-Welch

Anna is a Lecturer in British Imperial History at the University of Liverpool. Her current work focuses on histories of public engagement with the wider world with an emphasis on humanitarianism, voluntary action, and the impact of decolonisation on British society.

### Anna Wyatt

Anna currently works at Save the Children and has been part of the organising committee for this event. Since joining the charity in 2016 she has worked in the Volunteering team, the Humanitarian Department as Executive Officer, and most recently has been seconded to the Awards team in the Syria Response Office.

### Bertrand Taithe

Bertrand is the director of the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester. He is a professor of cultural history and his research interest is on the history of medical humanitarianism and humanitarianism and war. He has published widely on humanitarianism since 1999.

### Bill Bell

Bill Bell joined Save the Children UK in 1989 and is currently Head of Child Protection, heading a team delivering technical support, practice guidance, and advocacy on a range of child protection issues. He is also Head of Child Rights Governance with a particular focus on promoting meaningful child participation.

### Camila de Macedo Braga

Camilla is a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute of International Relations (IRI) at the University of São Paulo (USP) and an associate researcher at the Center of Research in International Relations (NUPRI – USP), São Paulo, and for the Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding (CCDP), Geneva. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and an MPhil in International Relations.

### Carolyn Miller

Carolyn has over 30 years' experience of leadership and management in international development. Carolyn was Chief Executive of Merlin from 2005 to 2013. She was previously Director for Europe, Middle East and Americas at the UK Department for International Development and Director of Programmes at Save the Children. Carolyn is Chair of INTRAC and a NED of Oxford Policy Management.

### Chamutal Afek Eitam

Chamutal has 19 years of experience in international relief operations and research in a variety of field, management and executive positions. Her PHD involved Save The Children, World Vision and CARE International and examined Organizational learning and evaluative practises. She also co- founded the Humanitarian Genome and Givem not for profit tech innovations.

### Charlotte Lydia Riley

Charlotte is a lecturer in twentieth century British history at the University of Southampton working on the history of British state action on aid and development. She has a particular interest in the relationship between gender and humanitarianism and the ways in which humanitarianism, aid and development are depicted in the British media and understood by the British public.

### Dan Brockington

Dan directs the Sheffield Institute of International Development at the University of Sheffield. His research covers diverse aspects of conservation, recent livelihood changes and poverty dynamics in East Africa, and celebrity advocacy. He has recently published (with Peter Billie Larson) "The Anthropology of Conservation NGOs".

### David Alexander

David has worked for Save the Children in a variety of roles including Field Director Morocco, Deputy FD Uganda, FD Ethiopia, Country Director Kenya and then DR Congo, Regional Director East Africa, CEO of Merlin, and Operations Director of the Start Network. His most recent role was as relief Team Leader on their Migrant Search and Rescue vessel in the Mediterranean.

### Eleanor Davey

Eleanor is a Senior Lecturer in the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) at the University of Manchester. Prior to this she was a Research Officer in the Humanitarian Policy Group at the Overseas Development Institute. Her current research project explores the relationship between humanitarianism, the laws of war, and the ideas and organisations of national liberation.

### Emily Baughan

Emily is a lecturer in history at the University of Sheffield. She researches the histories of humanitarianism, development, and childhood. Her book, Saving the Children - Humanitarianism, Internationalism and the British Empire, 1918-1970, will be published at the start of 2020. She has collaborated with the Humanitarian Affairs team at Save the Children since 2013.

### Fernando Espada

Fernando is Head of Humanitarian Affairs at Save the Children UK and an Editor of the Journal of Humanitarian Affairs. With almost two decades of experience in non-profit organisations, he was Senior Research and Policy Associate at DARA, Field Research Manager for the Humanitarian Response Index, and Deputy Director of the think-tank FRIDE.

### Gabrielle Daoust

Gabrielle is a postdoctoral research fellow in International Relations at the University of Sussex. Her research examines relationships between historical and contemporary forms of intervention and conflict and peacebuilding processes in relation to environmental and educational issues, as well as humanitarian and development intervention and interactions with communities.



**Gareth Owen**

Gareth has spent 26 years in humanitarian aid, starting in Somalia and Angola. He joined Save the Children UK in January 2002 and became Humanitarian Director in 2007. He was awarded an OBE in 2013 and today leads a diverse department of more than 150 humanitarian staff.

**Gemma Edom**

Gemma splits her time as the Projects Associate at the Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa and a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer at the International Growth Centre. Gemma graduated from LSE in 2017 with a BSc in Social Anthropology and has worked as a researcher on projects in Zimbabwe and in the UK.

**George Graham**

George is Save the Children's Director of Conflict and Humanitarian Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns. In this role he leads the organisation's policy work and campaigns on conflict and emergency situations around the world, as well as longer-term work on measures to protect children in war and to uphold the rights of children on the move. He has more than fifteen years' experience in the humanitarian sector.

**Gwil Purchase**

Gwil has worked in the humanitarian sector for six years in innovation, finance, business strategy capacities and is currently leading the development of a 'collaboration hub' to enable stronger collaborations as a means of solving complex problems in the sector. Prior to this he worked for an NGO in Tanzania and led complex projects in the Metropolitan Police.

**Hannah Reichardt**

Hannah has worked in the humanitarian sector for more than a decade and has amassed a range of expertise in innovation, collaboration, programme quality and accountability at both a global level and in crisis responses in Myanmar, Kenya, Vietnam and elsewhere. She's a passionate collaborator and a relentless champion of collaborative initiatives to forge a stronger sector.

**Holly Waughman**

Holly completed an MA in Archives and Records Management at UCL in September 2018. Having previously worked at the Bank of England Archive, she joined the University of Birmingham in 2019 as a Project Archivist, in which role she is working to catalogue the archive of Save the Children.

**Hussein Mursal**

Hussein is a specialist in programme management and policy development and has held senior leadership positions for MERLIN, Save the Children, UNHCR and WHO in several countries across Europe, Asia and Africa. He is passionate about advocating for children to exercise their rights and a fierce fighter against global poverty.

**Jamie Perry**

Jamie is an Associate member of the History Department at the University of Birmingham and was the academic researcher attached to the Save the Children Centenary Archives Project. His research examines the socio-political and intellectual history of British liberal internationalism, from the First World War to Brexit, through the prism of various NGOs.

**Jess Camburn**

As Elrha's CEO, Jess has developed and led the organisation from its early beginnings in 2009 to its place today as a leading global actor in humanitarian research and innovation. Jess serves on a number of strategic Boards for UK research and innovation, including the UK's Disaster Research Group, and the Global Challenge Research Fund.

**John Borton**

John is a Senior Research Associate with the Humanitarian Policy Group at ODI and an Honorary Lecturer at the HCRI, University of Manchester. He has worked continuously within the international humanitarian sector for 38 years in a variety of operational, evaluation, research and capacity development roles.

**John Seaman**

From 1968 to 1973, John worked for Save the Children in Biafra, Calcutta/ Bangladesh and the Sahel/ Ethiopian drought. In 1979 he was appointed as Senior Medical Officer, subsequently head of overseas policy, in London. He left Save the Children in 2004 and is currently a Research Fellow at the Walker Institute at the University of Reading.

**Juliano Fiori**

Juliano is Head of Studies (Humanitarian Affairs) at Save the Children, where he coordinates research and promotes critical reflection on humanitarian politics and practice. He is an editor of the Journal of Humanitarian Affairs, he has chaired the conference committee.

**Kara Blackmore**

Kara is an anthropologist, curator and writer who works at the intersections of arts, culture and social repair after conflict in East and Southern Africa. To critically reflect on this work, she is pursuing a PhD at the LSE, focusing on the relationship between memorialisation and transitional justice.

**Karen Wells**

Karen is Programme Director for Children, Youth and International Development, and Reader in International Development and Childhood Studies at Birkbeck College. She is the author of *Childhood Studies: Making Young Subjects* (Polity 2018) and *Childhood in a Global Perspective* (Polity 2015, 2nd edition) and has published widely on children, inequalities, and visual culture.

**Katharine Williamson**

Katharine is a Senior Humanitarian Child Protection Advisor at Save the Children. She is a humanitarian child protection specialist with 20 years of field experience in conflicts and disasters, and consulting and advisory experience. She is a clinically trained Social Worker with Masters degrees in International Human Rights Law and Forced Migration.

**Kevin Watkins**

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**Mark Bowden**

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**Milton Rondo Filho**

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**Mustajab Malikzada**

Mustajab first came into contact with Save the Children in 2000, when he sought asylum in the UK after fleeing from Afghanistan. He participated in the Millennium Awards youth mentoring scheme, becoming a mentor in child rights, research, project management, and advocacy. He then went on to work for Department for International Development (UKAid) and Ministry of Defence, he completed his undergraduate studies, and he is currently undertaking a PhD at Brunel University.

**Peter Poore**

Peter joined SCF in 1983 as Medical Officer to the Stop Polio programme. This subsequently included all vaccines covered by the Expanded Programme on Immunisation, focussing on the details of establishing and maintaining health care delivery systems. He left SCUk in 2000 and is now mostly gardening!

**Phoebe Mukazera**

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**Rachael Cummings**

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**Stephanie Roberts**

As part of her role as multimedia archivist at Save the Children, Stephanie carried out extensive research in the archives at the Cadbury Research Library, The Women's Library and the BFI, as well as the Jebb and Buxton family archives. This research forms the basis of how the centenary will be communicated to supporters in 2019 and beyond.

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**Toby Porter**

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**Wendy Fenton**

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