



CALL FOR PAPERS

HISTORIES OF THE RED CROSS MOVEMENT: CONTINUITIES AND CHANGE

Flinders University, Adelaide, SA, Australia

9-11 September 2016

Keynote Speaker:

Prof Davide Rodogno Professor of International History, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

This conference acknowledges the growing number of historians and researchers working in the rapidly expanding area of the history of the international Red Cross Movement. With its origins in the mid-nineteenth century, this global humanitarian organization includes the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) originally formed in Geneva in 1863, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) created in 1919; as well as the 189 (at last count) national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

The conference seeks to bring together scholars from around the world to explore a number of themes that relate to the historical development of this large, multifaceted, complex organisation. We invite expressions of interest for papers or panels from academics, post-graduate students, archivists and those interested in exploring the global historical dimensions of the Red Cross Movement into the 21st century.

Topics could include:

- Relations between the different national Red Cross societies across time and place
- An examination of the role of the Federation (League) and its linkages with both national societies and the ICRC
- Feature papers from specific national society histories
- Challenges to the structure and ideals of the Red Cross Movement
- Contested themes of conflict and neutrality
- Gender and race
- War and the militarization of charity
- Historicizing the internationalism and humanitarianism of the Red Cross Movement

Deadline for abstracts is 1 December 2015

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