

The History of Humanitarianism

Humanitarian aid campaigns have long been a major presence in all Western societies. Over more than a century humanitarianism has created a web of connections across national borders, on a global scale and against various historical backgrounds. The history of humanitarianism thus relates to many other fields of historical interest from the role of religion in modern societies, the history of imperialism, decolonization and the post-colonial relationship between the „West“ and the „Global South“, the role of mass media etc. Potential thesis projects can accordingly be developed from a broad range of fields, they can focus among other topics on single aid operations, on organizations or institutions etc.

Possible topics are:

- Norgeshjælpen – Danish Aid to Norway under Nazi occupation 1940-1945
- Norwegian Aid organizations and the Nigerian Civil (Biafra) War 1968-1970
- Child Sponsorship schemes and the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939
- Islamic Relief and the Bosnian War 1992-1995
- Etc.