GLOBAL HEALTH TOPICS WORKSHOP

PROFIT FROM PAIN?
The Good and Bad of the Disaster Response Industry

152:125:SCA, 1 SEMESTER HOUR

Location: University Capitol Centre 1117
Thursday, November 7th, 2013, 5pm to 8:30pm
Friday, November 8th, 2013, noon to 5pm
Saturday, November 9th, 2013, 9am to 5pm

In 2011, 308 aid workers were killed, kidnapped or wounded while providing humanitarian assistance. Should philanthropic donations be used for private security services for aid workers? Should aid organizations pay bribes, protection money or other corrupt fees if these activities are the only means of providing aid to those needing it?

This workshop will bring together experts from within and outside the University to explore the intricacies, ethics and controversies surrounding the humanitarian aid industry. What role do corporations have in providing both donated and profitable aid services? When should humanitarian aid services be turned over to the local economy? Can provision of humanitarian aid do more harm than good to a community? Does the UN Security Council use humanitarian intervention as one of the mechanisms to legitimize armed intervention?

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