

ISA 2014 Workshop Grant

Objects and Spaces of Humanitarianism: a workshop in memory of Lisa Smirl

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Final Report: 25 April 2014

The workshop involves nine paper presentations across three panels as well as the launch of a new website to host Lisa Smirl's unpublished and published work. It concluded with a discussion of publication plans and the commitment to publish a special section in the Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding composed of papers from the workshop and a posthumously published work by Smirl.

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Financial report

The budget was expended in its entirety with the following exception: the hotel and per diem for three participants unable to attend: Bliesemann, Goetze and Richmond (as demonstrated in the table below).

Participants		Membershi p Confirmed	Conv. Reg Confirmed	Hotel	Per Diem
<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	Date	Date	\$	\$
Agensky	Jonathan	25/07/2013	25/07/2013	200.00	50.00
Ansorge	Josef	25/07/2013	25/07/2013	200.00	50.00
Autessere	Severine	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	191.40	50.00
Barkawi	Tarak	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	200.00	50.00
Bliesemann	Berit	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	Did not attend	
Curtis	Devon	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	Shared room	50.00
Dunne	Tim			No receipt	50.00
Goetze	Catherine	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	Did not attend	
Heathershaw	John	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	200.00	50.00
Hopgood	Stephen			200.00	50.00
Kuhn	Florian	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	Stayed with friends	50.00
Nouwen	Sarah	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	200.00	50.00
Richmond	Oliver			Did not attend	
Singh	Julietta	25-Jul-13	25-Jul-13	200.00	50.00
Stavrianakis	Anna	29/07/2013	29/07/2013	200.00	50.00
Totals				1791.40	600

Therefore the final expended budget is reduced by \$1,403.60 and amounts to \$3,396.40, as follows:

Items	Budget Amt
Room Rental	200.00
Coffee Breaks	255.00
Audio-Visual	350.00
Hotel*	1791.40
Per Diems **	600.00
Internet	200.00
Misc - provide detail	
Totals	\$ 3,396.40

We would like to note that the three replacement speakers – all graduate students – incurred additional costs due to their participation in the workshop. We would like them to be reimbursed via the remainder in the budget but understand that this is not possible according to ISA rules.

The workshop

The final workshop schedule was as follows with three substitutions in the final panel.

0900 Arrival; Coffee; Introductions

0915 Lisa and her work (Tarak, Anna)

0930 Panel 1 Objects

Chair: John Heathershaw

Presenters:

Josef Ansorge, “Changing Gears: Differentials of Time and Speed in Humanitarian Intervention”

Florian P. Kuhn, “The Ambiguity of Things: Souvenirs from Afghanistan”

Julietta Singh, “Post-Humanitarian Fictions”

Discussant: Stephen Hopgood

1115 Coffee break

1145 Panel 2 Spaces

Chair: Tarak Barkawi

Presenters:

Severine Autesserre, "Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Aid"

John Heathershaw, "Who are the 'International Community'? Aid Workers and Liminal Subjectivity"

Jonathan Agensky, "Compounding Compassion: Christian Relief and the Micropolitics of Humanitarian Space"

Discussant: Sarah Nouwen

1330 Lunch

1500 **Panel 3 Politics**

Chair: Anna Stavrianakis

Presenters:

Andreas Hirblinger, "The Good, the Bad and the Powerful: The Construction of the Local in Peacebuilding"

Marta Iniguez de Heredia, "Presentism and Practices: Recovering the Historical Patterns of Violence and Accumulation in 'Post-Conflict Statebuilding'"

Meera Sabaratnam, "Transactions, Consumption and the Spirit of Dispossession: Value, Accumulation and Reward in Post-war Intervention in Mozambique"

Discussant: Devon Curtis

1645 Coffee break

1715 Discussion of publication plans

Chair: John Heathershaw

1745 Close

Two persons who were not able to attend were Berit Bliesemann and Catherine Goetze. The other substitution was due to a person who had a clash of workshops.

Six members of Lisa's family attended including her mother, younger sister (a Political Science graduate student) and widow (a doctor with a background in humanitarian work). The workshop was personal, political and intellectual. The standard of papers was exceptional.

The Website

The new website which houses Lisa's papers was launched at the workshop. It is:

<http://spacesofaid.wordpress.com/>

Publication plans

Papers by Heathershaw, Kuhn and Hirblinger are committed to a special section of the Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding which will also include a posthumously published paper of Lisa Smirl's. We expect to publish this in Winter 2014/15 and are working to an early-July deadline to submit papers. The section will provisionally be entitled 'Objects and spaces of humanitarianism: in memory of Lisa Smirl'.

John Heathershaw, Exeter, 25 April 2013