



Annual Report 2022

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2022 has been a year where humanitarian crises have - again - sadly brought about enormous challenges to humanitarian response and solidarity. While the war in Ukraine captured the attention, fall outs for food security and other crises continued. The devastating floods in Pakistan signalled a world in which climate-related disasters reaches proportions that urge attention to global and local risk reduction.

The International Humanitarian Studies Association has continued this year to provide the weekly selection of blogs that speak of humanitarian matters of the day as well as discussions from within: reforms or transitions in humanitarianism, implications of technological developments and the (in)abilities to address problems in the sector relating to inequality, wrongdoings, and the need for more accountability.

Humanitarian studies in the Netherlands - and beyond - were given a boost this year with the scientific distinction I received from the Netherlands government that recognised the relevance of humanitarian studies.

The prize enabled IHSA to expand its office with a coordinator and community manager that will enhance IHSA activities in the years to come. Another highlight of the year was the formation of a new working group on Humanitarian Education and Pedagogy that started with 60+ members and aims to organise events and trainings to advance education in and about the sector.

Finally, IHSA entered a collaboration with North South University to jointly organize the next IHSA conference in Dhaka in November 2023.

Dorothea Hilhorst, President IHSA





About the International Humanitarian Studies Association

The International Humanitarian Studies Association is a network engaged with the study of humanitarian crises caused by disaster, conflict or political instability. Humanitarian studies concern how humanitarian crises evolve, how they affect people and their institutions, communities and societies, and the responses they trigger.

IHSA forms a platform for the different disciplines that address humanitarian issues. It offers a venue where these scholarly communities can meet and debate their different insights and understanding of humanitarian crises, in dialogue with policy actors and implementing agencies. IHSA equally welcomes academic scholars, consultants, policy researchers, and reflective practitioners among its membership.

Governance (November 2021-2022)

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2022 Activities

Humanitarian Blog Post Selection

When the Covid-19 crisis hit and most of us went into quarantine, we had the idea to start pulling together topical blogs and op-eds on humanitarian issues as a way to connect with each other.

What started as a 6 week idea in 2020 grew in popularity every week, as more and more subscribers found out about the blog selection. The short-term blog selection project turned into a long-term project. In 2022, the editing committee consisted of Susanne Jaspars, Mihir Bhatt, Rodrigo Mena and Thea Hilhorst. Pre-selection is done by Nico Caso and Marloes Viet.

During 2022, we shared 45 weekly selections with posts by authors from all corners of the world. We focus the selection on themes like: migration and refugees, localisation and decolonisation, conflict and famine, aid policy and more. Throughout the year, this project grew significantly: to date we have more than 8500 followers on social media and a little more than 1,700 recipients for our weekly selection. Our stable open and click rate motivate us to keep working hard on selecting the most topical and relevant entries for 2023.

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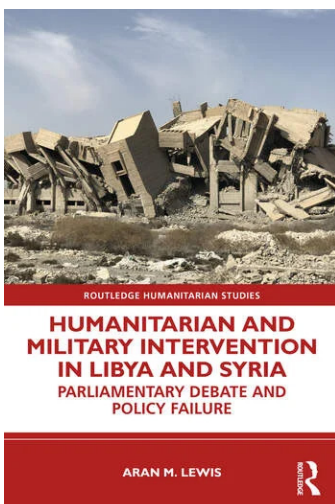
If you have not subscribed yet, you can do so [via the website](#).

New selections every Wednesday!

Publications

IHSA Routledge Bookseries

The Routledge Humanitarian Studies series is a collaboration between Routledge and the International Humanitarian Studies Association. The series editors are Alex de Waal, Dorothea Hilhorst, Mihir Bhatt and Annette Jansen.



The series takes a comprehensive approach to the growing field of expertise that is humanitarian studies. This field is concerned with humanitarian crises caused by natural disaster, conflict or political instability and deals with the study of how humanitarian crises evolve, how they affect people and their institutions and societies, and the responses they trigger.

We invite book proposals that address, amongst other topics, questions of aid delivery, institutional aspects of service provision, the dynamics of rebel wars, state-building after war, the international architecture of peacekeeping, the ways in which ordinary people continue to make a living throughout crises, and the effect of crises on gender relations. This interdisciplinary series draws on and is relevant to a range of disciplines, including development studies, international relations, international law, anthropology, peace and conflict studies, public health and migration studies.

[Visit the website](#) to see all books in the series and receive your 20% member discount.

Anthology

Resisting anti-refugee regimes. 'Everyday violence and resistance in Europe's 'migration management' during the Covid-19 pandemic'

People on the move across Europe are continuously met by a heavy-handed state response. EU-wide and national-level policies and practices are causing widespread human suffering and countless human rights infringements across the continent. The situation for people on the move deteriorated during the Covid-19 pandemic, when states adopted increasingly strict border control policies and when the public health situation in border zones reached critical levels. These practices are worsening the protection and humanitarian crisis at the heart of Europe.

This anthology on the everyday violence and resistance in Europe's 'migration management' during the Covid-19 pandemic consists of 10 essays written by academics, activists, advocates and individuals with lived experience. The concepts of 'politics of exhaustion' and 'everyday cruelties' form the organising themes of these essays, helping to make sense of, and ultimately call out, seemingly small and subtle instances of everyday violence and cruelties which converge into a deeply harmful state approach.

An anthology of essays written by: Gaffar Saeneen, Dalal Rajab, Victoria Tecca, Lukas Kestens, Soline Ballet, Susanne Jaspars, Tianne Haggar, Francesca Pusterla, Robin Vandevordt and Jacob Warn, Marta Welander. Edited by: Marta Welander and Susanne Jaspars.

This publication was made possible by a financial contribution from IHSA.



Workshop

6 years after the Agenda for Humanity: humanitarianism challenged

Friday 25 Nov 2022 - Erasmus University

The objective of the workshop was to take stock of the progress of the Agenda for Humanity six years after its adoption. The event brought together international scholars from various disciplinary fields, humanitarian practitioners and policy-makers to address the following questions:

- How do changes in international and domestic politics alter humanitarian commitments?
- How is the Agenda for Humanity's narrative used to further political agenda?
- What are the implications of the Agenda's core responsibilities on the power dynamics shaping the humanitarian field?

The workshop was organised by IHSA member Clara Egger and partially sponsored by IHSA. The keynote speech was held by IHSA president Thea Hilhorst.

Spinoza Award for Thea Hilhorst

Six scientists received the NWO Spinoza Prize and Stevin Prize from Minister Robbert Dijkgraaf of Education, Culture and Science on 5 October 2022. Tribute was paid to the researchers and their work during a festive ceremony at the Stadsschouwburg in The Hague. The prizes are the highest distinction in Dutch science.

IHSA president Thea Hilhorst considers the prize recognition of her field. She is a professor of humanitarian aid and reconstruction. Her research is important given the increasing number of emergency situations around the world arising from disasters and armed conflict. Her work emphasises the impact of humanitarian aid on the everyday practices of people, organisations and communities.

A sum of 2.5 million euros is tied to the Spinoza Prize, which Prof. Hilhorst plans to use to strengthen her field further.

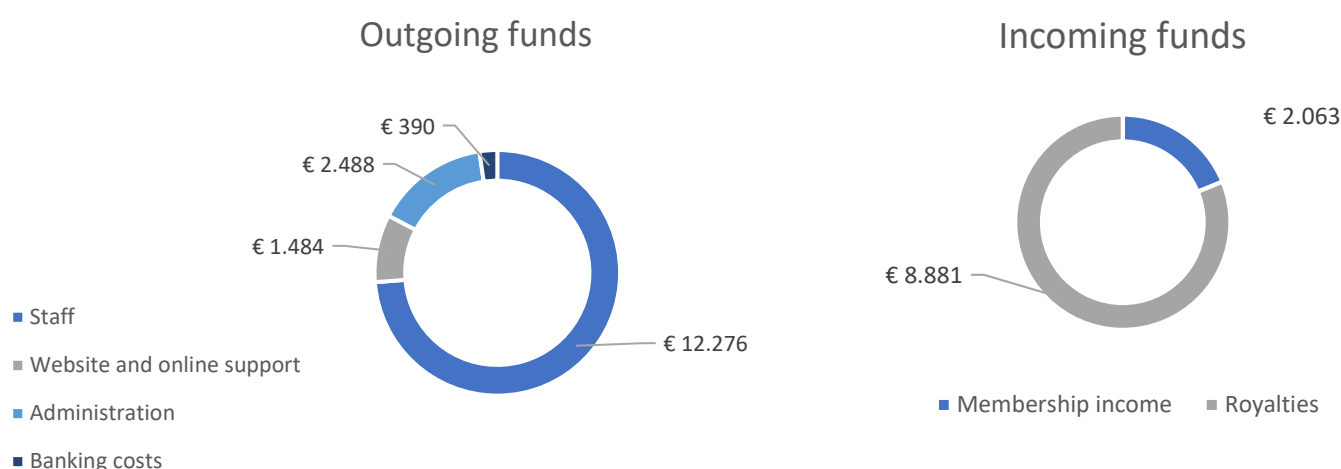


Financial Summary

IHSA's main source of income is generated through our conference. As the conference is held every two years, it means that in our so-called 'off year' when we do not organize a conference the source of income is significantly lower.

Outside of conferences, IHSA has two other forms of income, the first is membership subscriptions. We have different types of subscriptions: 25 euros for individuals and 100 to 250 euros for institutions depending on their size. Another source of income are the royalties from the Book Series that IHSA has with Routledge.

See our 2022 financial summary below:



Balance sheet as of 31 December 2022

(After result appropriation)

	31 December 2022	
	€	€
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
<i>Intangible fixed assets</i>		
Development costs	2,341	2,341
Current assets		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		44,350
Total assets		<u>46,691</u>

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