




Race, Security, and the Contradictions of Humanitarianism

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In this webinar series, we explore the relationship between mobility and humanitarianism in the course of four episodes. We – this is Till Mostowlansky, an anthropologist at The Graduate Institute in Geneva and Agnieszka Sobocinska, a historian at King’s College London. Based on our disciplinary pathways, we approach the topic from the vantage point of both anthropology and history. In each episode, we showcase the work of either an anthropologist or a historian of humanitarianism and discuss with them how mobility features in their work.

This week, we talk to [Young-Sun Hong](#) from Stony Brook University about her long-standing work on German aid to Korea in the Cold War. Her presentation “Solidarity is Might: The World Community of Fraternal Peoples Builds a New Korea” is followed by a discussion of the various mobilities that shaped flows of aid and people in and out of the Korean peninsula in the second half of the



twentieth century. We touch upon themes such as socialist aid, race, conviviality, gender and humanitarian travel many of which run through Young-Sun's excellent book [Cold War Germany, the Third World, and the Global Humanitarian Regime](#). We hope you'll enjoy the episode!

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