

# CSEND DIALOGUE FORUM



## Humanitarian Work Psychology: Emerging New Domain of Knowledge?

CSEND, Massey University, Trinity College Dublin & Diplomacy Dialogue  
kindly invite you to this Dialogue Forum

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm

World Council of Churches, Room III  
150 route de Ferney, 1218 Grand Saconnex



### Have you ever wondered about the answer?

How can organizations like the United Nations, the World Bank, the World Health Organization, and the Red Cross become more effective in their vital and laudable mission? How can multinational corporations contribute meaningfully to global issues like climate change, poverty reduction and equitable economic growth? What enables enterprises to grow and develop in challenging settings like the aftermath of a devastating Tsunami?

These questions are all related to humanitarian work psychology and have so far been largely overlooked by global development policy and policy makers. Their focus has remained steadfastly macro. Whilst recognizing the importance of grand plans at the macro level, this publication is to review how international organisations can be better organised and how Humanitarian Work Psychology (HWP) can make a contribution to the wellbeing and successful performance of humanitarian workers and the organizational structures that support them, as well as the creation and maintenance of decent work for all.

### Programme

#### Welcome

Prof. Lichia Saner Yiu, the Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (CSEND)

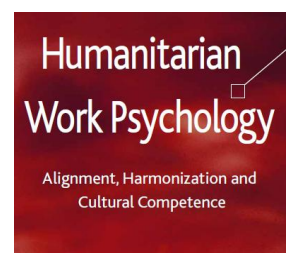
#### Presentation

Prof. Stuart Carr, Poverty Research Group, School of Psychology, Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand  
Prof. Mac MacLachlan, Centre for Global Health & School of Psychology, Trinity College, University of Dublin  
Prof. Raymond Saner, Diplomacy Dialogue, Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development

#### Discussants

Dr Stefan Seebacher, MD, *Head, Health Department of the Int. Federation of the Red Cross*  
Ms. Norah Niland, M.A., *Researcher, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Graduate Institute of International Development Studies.*  
Dr Jovan Kurbalija, *Director, Diplo Foundation*  
*Other representatives of the Geneva humanitarian work community*

#### Questions and Discussion



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1. Introducing the topic of Humanitarian Work Psychology: Origin and context of this new work – 10 minutes  
by Profs S. Carr and M. MacLachlan, (eds.)
2. Scoping the boundary of HWP and definition  
by Prof. R. Saner
3. Discussants' Remarks

**IFRC, Dr Stefan Seebacher, MD.,** Head, Health Department of the Int. Federation of the Red Cross  
Chapter 10, Personnel psychology for disaster response and recovery  
by Eddie Chi Wy NG, Sally CHANG, and Harry HUT

**CCDP (Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Mrs Norah Niland, MA,** Researcher.  
Chapter 5 From humanitarian to humanistic work psychology: The morality of business  
by Joel LEFKOWITZ

**Diplo Foundation, Dr Jovan Kurbalija,** Director  
Chapter 6 The New Diplomacies and Humanitarian Work Psychology  
by Raymond SANER & Lichia YIU

4. Open discussion
5. Conclusion

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## For Inquiry

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