



## **Working with detained populations in Greece and Libya: ethical challenges in a complex humanitarian response**

### **A Master Class and Working Session for experienced humanitarian practitioners**

Monday 9 December 2019, 14:30-17:00 (and drinks & networking after that), The Hague.

The humanitarian interventions for detained migrants and asylum-seeking populations in Greece and Libya are confronted with enormous operational constraints, while these populations experience the most severe needs. The horrific health conditions in detention centres, for example, raise nagging questions about the quality of care. The sphere of influence of humanitarians is however extremely limited. This poses humanitarian aid workers and NGOs, supporting these detained populations, for complex ethical tensions related to care, complicity, responsibility, the need for advocacy, independence, impartiality, and even humanity.

In the paper [Working with Detained Populations in Greece and Libya: A Comparative Study of the Ethical Challenges Facing the International Rescue Committee](#) Jason Phillips describes these ethical tensions in a structuralized manner and analyses implications for humanitarian practitioners and their organizations.

For this Master Class KUNO invites other humanitarian professionals that are acquainted with the situation of the detained populations in Greece and Libya, to discuss the ethical challenges that INGOs and their staff face. After an introduction by Jason Phillips (around 30 minutes), we will discuss the challenges that are brought forward by the participants to this working session. Under Chatham House Rule we will exchange experiences and thoughts, doubts and challenges, good practices and hard learning. Together we will explore the meaning of humanitarian principles in extreme difficult and rather new humanitarians settings.

The audience would consist of practitioners and experts, such as MSF, Oxfam, the Red Cross, IRC (max. 30 people). After the Master Class (2,5 hours) we'll have drinks and networking.

### **Jason Phillips**



Jason Phillips is currently an independent researcher and consultant based in Ottawa, Canada. He is an experienced humanitarian with a demonstrated history of working at board, field and senior HQ levels of the non-profit organization management sector. He has 20 years of NGO experience, 18 years of which were at the International Rescue Committee (IRC).. Jason is skilled in Strategic Planning and Delivery, Program Management, Operations Management, Humanitarian Ethics, Financial Management, and Program/Business Development. Furthermore, Jason Phillips has academic, teaching and research experience, including a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Political Science from The Johns Hopkins University.

KUNO strongly encourages all participants to read the [paper](#) of Jason Phillips (47 pages).

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