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Transnational Humanitarianism and Refugee Policy in the Age of the World Wars. A relational history of political actors and humanitarian activists

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The project focuses on protagonists of transnational humanitarianism and refugee policy in the age of the World Wars. It regards politicians, diplomats and lawyers linked to the League of Nations and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as activists, scholars and scientists engaged in international humanitarian relief organizations. Based on their biographies, political ideas, cultural encounters, and socio-political initiatives, the work explores the relationships, convergences, contradictions, and conflicts between these historical actors in a long-term perspective, from the foundation of the League of Nations in 1920 until the early Cold War era. Emphasizing transnational and global connections, the project is designed as a contribution to transnational history, the new history of humanitarianism, and the history of migration. The project is conducted in cooperation with the German Historical Institute Rome and the LMU Munich.