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Examination paper for GEOG3516 - Humanitarianism: Theory and Practice

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Information about the exam:

The exam question will be made available in Inspera at 09.00 (am) on the 21st of November. The exam should be submitted before 23.59 on the 25th November.

On the first page of the document: Write your candidate number and the number of words and please remember to insert page numbers in the document.

When saving the document, give it the following name: "GEOG3516 Home exam, [your candidate number]". It is only possible to upload your document as a Pdf.

The exam paper should be between 3500 words and 4500 words, references, figures and tables come in addition. Remember to refer to sources and literature used according to academically accepted standards. You can, for example, follow the guidelines distributed on the It's learning pages for this course.

During the exam, you cannot receive any supervision from staff in the department, but if you have questions regarding the question of the exam and formalities, please contact Hilde Refstie. She may not be available on email in the last hours before the submission deadline so any questions should come before this last day. If there are any issues regarding the submission, please contact Oracle Service - orakel@ntnu.no

It will not be acceptable to submit the exam paper too late. If you should have any problems in meeting the deadline, you must get in touch with the department, but generally late submissions will not be accepted.

Good luck with your writing!

The continuing crisis of Humanitarianism

After three years of consultations with some 27,000 people across 153 countries, the United Nations concluded that the international humanitarian system needed a major overhaul. This was the backdrop for the World Humanitarian Summit organized in Turkey this year. However, while some resolutions were made, many of the highlighted dilemmas remained unsolved.

Despite humanitarian instruments and principles, humanitarian workers on the ground continue to face a situation that in many ways restricts them from doing their intended work. Use the course literature and case example(s) to discuss how contemporary emergencies with their complexity, protracted displacement, and new flows of forced migrants makes visible some of the limits of the humanitarian system. Discuss to what extent such limits to humanitarianism require new principles to be developed and new actors to be integrated in the humanitarian system. Provide an introduction where you explain how you want to solve the task, define important concepts and explain why you have decided to limit the task to some particular issues. Then structure the text around some important themes, and provide relevant examples.