

**Reimagining Humanitarianism in the Age of Global Solidarity:  
*Interrogating power structures in aid and multilateral institutions***

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***Hear Sonja discuss what global solidarity means to her and her work at the Multilateralism Session, 2 – 3pm (GMT+1)***



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