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Philanthrobusiness and the Ethics of Mediating Persecuted Christians in Pakistan

My aims in this paper are threefold. Firstly, I seek to illustrate how specific faith-based organizations, such as "Kirche in Not," and their mediators on the ground exploit instances of non-Muslim suffering in Pakistan, perpetuating and reinforcing communalism in the process. Secondly, I aim to explore how a human rights market saturated with depictions of Christian persecution necessitates local mediators to engage in actions that blur the boundaries between philanthropy and business opportunities. I describe this phenomenon with the neologism "philanthrobusiness." Thirdly, I demonstrate how Christian mediators—often individuals with high ethical standards—conceal the inherent power dynamic embedded within the Christian rights market by judging others for their alleged lack of ethical behavior.

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