

# Christina Haverkamp

## Information on the Lecture



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## Slideshow Lectures at Schools

by Christina Haverkamp

### The Yanomami Indians and the Rain Forest

The Yanomami Indians are one of the few indigenous peoples still preserving their original way of life. But their existence is more and more under threat. They are endangered by Brazilian gold diggers, whose ruthless exploitation of nature systematically destroys the Indians' living environment.

For 20 years, Christina Haverkamp, a teacher from Kiel (Germany), has been fighting for the survival of the Amazonian Indians. Every year she spends several months with the Indians in the Brazilian rain forest. Her extraordinary human rights campaigns have alerted the public to the Yanomami's plight.

In 1991, Christina Haverkamp organised a women's expedition to the rain forest and supported a team of doctors collaborating with the Yanomami locally. In Columbus Year 1992, human rights activist Rüdiger Nehberg and Christina Haverkamp crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a self-made bamboo raft in order to call attention to the land rights of Indians. During the last three years, she built three medical stations with schools facilities for the Yanomami.

Endangered peoples and environmentalism are the main topics of her interdisciplinary slideshow lecture suitable for pupils of all ages. At least 200 pupils should be present at the two hour event. The pupils are requested to pay an entrance fee of 3 Euro. The money will be used to build the new medical station in the Orinoko region of Venezuela.

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# The Human Rights of Endangered Peoples

## The Yanomami Indians and the Rain Forest

Christina Haverkamp uses memorable pictures to give an account of the Yanomami's lives. They are one of the last indigenous peoples preserving their original way of life. For the last three decades, they have been threatened by gold diggers, big landowners, mining corporations, and the wood industry. Christina Haverkamp organised many campaigns in order to alert the public to the Yanomami's plight.

In 1992 (the year of America's 500 Year Anniversary), human rights activist Rüdiger Nehberg and Christina Haverkamp crossed the Atlantic ocean on a self-made bamboo raft. They undertook this spectacular journey – which would eventually lead them to the White House in Washington – in order to call attention to the continuing oppression of Indians.

In 1993, Brazilian gold diggers committed a massacre on the Yanomami. Christina Haverkamp investigated at the scene of crime, she talked to survivors, the politicians responsible and The National Foundation of Indians, a governmental protection agency. She questioned motives, qualified recriminations and pointed out solutions.

In 1997, Christina Haverkamp and the Yanomami built their first medical station in Ixima. This aid-project rapidly evolved into a self help-project. Soon the second and third medical stations with school facilities in Papiu (2001) and Mavaquita (2005) followed. In 2008, the Venezuelan ministry of health asked Christina Haverkamp – the Yanomami affectionately call her "Kohiba" (hard bean) – to establish medical care for the Yanomami in the remote source region of the Orinoko.

Adventure with meaning and the fight for the human rights of endangered peoples are the topics of this engrossing and informative lecture.

The lecture lasts 90 minutes (including discussion).

## About Christina Haverkamp

Christina Haverkamp was born on the 6th of September 1958 in Nordhorn, Northern Germany. She finished her teacher training in maths and physical education at the University of Kiel.

- 1989** Social work with adolescents (including programmes at sea).
- 1990** First expedition to the Yanomami in Brazil.
- 1991** First women's expedition providing medical aid for the Yanomami.
- 1992** Together with Rüdiger Nehberg, Christina Haverkamp crosses the Atlantic Ocean on a bamboo raft in order to bring attention to the land rights of Indians in North and South America. Their protest campaign ends at the White House in Washington.
- 1993** Investigations into the Yanomami massacre at the scene of crime.
- 1994** Exploration trip to the Yanomami in the Orinoko region of Venezuela.
- 1995** Visits to several Indian groups in Amazonia.
- 1996** Preparation of a relief project for the Yanomami in Brazil.
- 1997** Construction of the first Medical station with school facilities in the village of Ixma.
- 1998** Reception of the "Weitsicht" human rights award in Frankfurt.
- 1999** Interviews in Albanian refugee Camps, documentation for the International War Crimes Tribunal in Den Haag.
- 2000** Journey to Tibet, visits to destroyed nunneries in Lhasa.
- 2001** Construction of a second medical station with school facilities in Papiu.
- 2002** Participation in the first UN world congress on indigenous peoples, featuring Yanomami chieftain Maraxi from the village of Papiu.
- 2003** Support of the Yanomami schools in Ixima and Papiu, participation in the second UN world congress on indigenous peoples.
- 2004** Expedition to the Yanomami in the Orinoko region of Southern Venezuela.
- 2005** Construction of a medical station for the Yanomami in Mavaquita (Venezuela).
- 2006** Foundation of the Yanomami relief organisation in Germany.
- 2007** Support of a medical training program for the Yanomami.
- 2008** Invitation to Harvard University in Boston, USA.
- 2009** Preparations for a new medical station in the source region of the Orinoko in Venezuela.
- 2010** Lectures at schools and universities in Caracas.