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Our Cooperation Partner: Goethe University Frankfurt and its Research Center Normative Orders



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ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action is an international organization that educates, inspires, and connects emerging and established leaders committed to promoting human rights, pluralism, and active citizenship in their own communities and around the world. Since its founding in 1997, Humanity in Action has engaged over 2,150 young leaders in their 20s and 30s in a variety of educational human rights programs in Europe and the United States. They now form a unique international alumni community committed to social justice and the advancement of minority rights.

Humanity in Action Deutschland e.V. is part of the transatlantic Humanity in Action network with non-profit, non-partisan partner organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United States. Humanity in Action Deutschland e.V. is a member organization of the association Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband Berlin, the network Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe (DARE), the Roundtable USA in Berlin and the European Network Countering Antisemitism through Education (ENCATE).

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Humanity in Action Fellowships take place virtually from June 3 to 24, 2020. We thank our Fellows for their trust and willingness to experiment collaboratively. Due to the virtual nature of the program, we will start and end the Fellowship with the entire cohort of 124 Fellows joining all Humanity in Action Fellowship programs in Europe and the United States.

This year's Berlin Fellowship brings together carefully selected university students and recent graduates from Europe and the United States to explore historic and contemporary human rights issues in Germany. The Fellows meet with activists, artists, experts, and policymakers to explore a variety of human rights issues, including how and why individuals and societies, past and present, have resisted intolerance and protected democratic values.

Berlin, May 2020

MEET OUR FOUNDER



Dr. Judith S. Goldstein received a Bachelors degree from Cornell University in 1962 with a concentration on European and American history. As a Woodrow Wilson Scholar at Columbia University, she then studied for a Masters degree in European history and wrote her thesis on the “Mouvement Republicain Populaire and the Franco Vietnamese War, 1946-1954.” In 1972, Judith completed her doctoral studies at Columbia University after writing her dissertation on

“The Politics of Ethnic Pressure: The American Jewish Committee Fight Against Immigration Restriction: 1906-1917.” This work was the beginning of a sustained concentration on immigration and diversity in America and Europe. She then continued to work at Columbia University over 10 years by focusing on an oral history project on Ethnic Groups and American Foreign Policy. In the late 1980s, she began to write a book on the integration of Jewish immigrants in Maine which William Morrow published in 1992. Subsequently, she worked as the Executive Director of Thanks To Scandinavia, started by the Danish pianist Victor Borge to acknowledge Scandinavians who resisted Nazism and protected Jews during the Second World War. In 1997, Judith founded Humanity in Action and began to serve as its Executive Director. She also has an abiding interest in conservation and landscape design and history, especially as it relates to Maine and Mt. Desert Island.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Humanity in Action is committed to providing a respectful environment to all those involved in its programs. Fellows, Senior Fellows, Program Interns and Staff in all countries (collectively, “Network Members”) are ambassadors of Humanity in Action and should demonstrate appropriate conduct in the programs and in public. This Code of Conduct describes Humanity in Action’s expectations for the behavior of its Network Members throughout their time in the Fellowship programs and all network activities. Humanity in Action’s Board of Directors follows a similar Code of Conduct which is appropriate for the Board Members’ engagement with Humanity in Action.

Respect for Peers and Staff Members

All Network Members approach each other with respect. The themes presented during Humanity in Action programs are challenging and often highly sensitive. Network Members approach discussions with maturity, honesty and an openness to explore their own perspectives and those of others. Network Members engage in these highly sensitive discussions in ways that are constructive for each individual and the group.

Respect for Speakers

Network Members approach speakers with respect and with a desire to learn – including speakers with whom they strongly disagree. Humanity in Action does not assume that Network Members will agree with all the viewpoints presented by all speakers. Humanity in Action encourages Network Members to vocalize their disagreements in a respectful and constructive manner. Network Members may attend sessions during the programs that are confidential, off-the-record or sensitive in subject matter. They agree to follow the requests of speakers and the program staff regarding confidentiality, attribution and social media.

Cultural Sensitivity and Adaptability

Network Members are sensitive to cultural and social differences and recognize that some of the behaviors they may find uncomfortable could pertain to these different contexts. Although cultural misunderstandings may occur – during and outside the program – Network Members should always show respect and a willingness to understand and work through these cultural differences as best as possible.

Timeliness

Network Members attend each scheduled session at the designated times. Should a Network Member need to arrive late, the Network Member should contact program staff in advance. Program staff may excuse absences on a case-by-case basis.

National and Local Law

All Network Members follow the laws governing the countries where Humanity in Action activities take place and are susceptible to associated penalties should those laws be broken. Network Members are ambassadors of Humanity in Action and should demonstrate appropriate behavior.

Safety and Harassment

Humanity in Action is committed to providing an environment where people can interact comfortably and freely from any form of harassment, sexual or otherwise. Such harassment or offensive behavior may relate to race, gender, sexual orientation and identity, religion, national origin, disability, or other protected statuses and/or identities. Network Members refrain from offensive behavior and remarks in the program involving other Network Members, Board Members, visitors, speakers and/or other third parties. Humanity in Action will promptly investigate reported cases of harassment. Please see Humanity in Action's Harassment Policy for further details.

Relationships

Humanity in Action Staff, Program Interns and Board Members do not engage in intimate, sexual or romantic relationships,

suggestive or otherwise, with Fellows throughout the duration of the Fellowship programs. All Staff and Board Members also refrain from engaging in intimate, sexual or romantic relationships, suggestive or otherwise, with Program Interns throughout the duration of the programs.

Adjudication

Network Members are encouraged to report immediately any issue or concern to any staff member. Humanity in Action will investigate each reported issue/concern and will take appropriate action.

Network Members who fail to comply with Humanity in Action's Code of Conduct may be subject to penalties. When possible and appropriate, Humanity in Action staff will provide a warning of a breach of the Code of Conduct to Network Members and give them the opportunity to amend their behavior. Humanity in Action staff will adjudicate minor issues on a case-by-case basis. Serious breaches of the Code of Conduct could lead Humanity in Action staff to immediately dismiss a Network Member from the program and network after consultation with the Executive Director.

OMBUDSPERSON

As in society at large, also in Humanity in Action's educational programs and in other ventures of the Humanity in Action community, situations that are in violation of the organization's code of conduct can arise. Humanity in Action Germany has established a designated point of contact to serve members of the Humanity in Action network, including the Fellows of this program, who experience abusive, racist, sexist, homophobic, or other forms of discriminatory behavior that emanate from other members of the network. While Humanity in Action staff is at the Fellows' full disposal to support victims of any incidents of such kind, a designated board member is additionally available via phone or e-mail as it might in some situations be more comfortable to confide in someone who has greater distance from Humanity in Action programming or any parties involved in such incidents.



>> Dr. Carolin Wiedemann is our Ombudsperson, our designated point of contact to serve members of the Humanity in Action network, including the Fellows of this program, who experience abusive, racist, sexist, homophobic, or other forms of discriminatory behavior that emanate from other members of the network.

She will listen closely to anyone affected and will advise on a confidential basis. Where necessary, and only after consulting with the affected person, the ombudsperson may choose to involve another person from the Board of Directors and/or involve a professional to work on the case.

Contact: mail@carolinwiedemann.com

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

>> Wednesday, June 3

*Please note: * (asterisk) following a session title indicates International Programming*

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats, Meet & Greet

9.00-9.15 am EDT / 15.00-15.15 CEST

Welcome to the Berlin Fellowship Program

Johannes Lukas Gartner, Hannah Joy Sachs, Antje Scheidler
and Ketevan Wehrsig (Humanity in Action Berlin Team)

9.15-10.15 am EDT / 15.15-16.15 CEST

Getting to Know Each Other: Bring an Object (I)

10.15-10.30 am EDT / 16.15-16.30 CEST

Introduction to the Program

Johannes Lukas Gartner, Hannah Joy Sachs
and Antje Scheidler (Humanity in Action Berlin Team)

10.30-11.00 am EDT / 16.30-17.00 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

11.00-11.10 am EDT / 17.00-17.10 CEST

Welcome to the 2020 Fellowship Programs *

Antje Scheidler (International Director of European
Programs, Humanity in Action)

11.10-11.40 am EDT / 17.10-17.40 CEST

Humanity in Action –

From an Idea to a Vibrant Community *

Dr. Judith S. Goldstein (Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action) interviewed by Hanane Abouellotfi (John Lewis Fellowship Associate Director, Humanity in Action | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

11.45 am-12.45 pm EDT / 17.45-18.45 CEST

Health and Social Justice – The Case of Covid-19 *

Nathan Furukawa (MD, MPH, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

Aakash Shah (MD, Practicing Emergency Room Doctor | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

Facilitated by Dr. Judith S. Goldstein (Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action)

12.45-1.00 pm EDT / 18.45-19.00 CEST

Wrap-up *

1.-1.15 pm EDT / 19.00-19.15 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

1.15-2.00 pm EDT / 19.15-20.00 CEST

Getting to Know Each Other: Bring an Object (II)

2.00-2.15 pm EDT / 20.00-20.15 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Thursday, June 4, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: **Coffeehouse Chats**

9.00-9.15 am EDT / 15.00-15.15 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.15-10.15 am EDT / 15.15-16.15 CEST

Sharing Fellows' Expectations

10.15-10.35 am EDT / 16.15-16.35 CEST

Screen Break

10.35-11.35 am EDT / 16.35-17.35 CEST

Getting to Know Each Other

Facilitated by Hannah Joy Sachs (Program Coordinator |
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

11.35-11.45 am EDT / 17.35-17.45 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

11.45-11.50 am EDT / 17.45-17.50 CEST

Introduction and Welcome to the Day *

Dr. Kali-Ahset Amen (Humanity in Action Program Director
of the John Lewis Fellowship in Atlanta)

11.50 am-12.30 pm EDT / 17.50-18.30 CEST

**An Indigenous Person's History of the United States
and the Structure of Settler-Colonialism ***

[Roo George-Warren](#) (Speaker & Artist | Consultant to and
Member of the Catawba Nation | Humanity in Action Senior
Fellow)

12.30-12.45 pm EDT | 18.30-18.45 CEST

Screen Break

12.45-1.45 pm EDT | 18.45-19.45 CEST

**Caribbean Perspectives: From Colonialism
to Liberation ***

Ajamu Baraka (Geopolitical Analyst | Organizer & Writer |
Human Rights Defender)

Facilitated by Raissa Biekman (Program Manager |
Humanity in Action The Netherlands)

1.45-1.50 pm EDT | 19.45-19.50 CEST

Change of Virtual Location

1.50-2.10 pm EDT | 19.50-20.10 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Friday, June 5, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT | 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats

9.00-9.15 am EDT | 15.00-15.15 CEST

Welcome on behalf of Humanity in Action Germany

Henry Alt-Haaker (Senior Vice President, Robert Bosch
Stiftung | Chair of the Board, Humanity in Action Germany |
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

9.15-9.30 am EDT | 15.15-15.30 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.30-10.30 am EDT / 15.30-16.30 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Johannes Lukas Gartner and Antje Scheidler
(Program Directors)

10.30-11.00 am EDT / 16.30-17.00 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

11.00-11.45 am EDT / 17.00-17.45 CEST

Black Europe and the Cultural Politics of Citizenship *

Stephanie Archangel (Curator, Rijksmuseum Amsterdam)
In Dialogue with Raissa Biekman (Program Manager |
Humanity in Action The Netherlands)

11.45 am-12.00 pm EDT / 17.45-18.00 CEST

Screen Break

12.00-12.45 pm EDT / 18.00-18.45 CEST

Self-Determination, Sovereignty & Resistance Today *

[Roo George-Warren](#) (Speaker & Artist | Consultant to and
Member of the Catawba Nation | Humanity in Action Senior
Fellow), United States

Dr. Rachael Lorna Johnstone (Professor of Law, University
of Akureyri | Adjunct Professor of Law, Ilisimatusarfik
(University of Greenland)), Denmark

Mitchell Esajas (Co-Founder, Black Archives Amsterdam |
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow), The Netherlands

12.45-1.00 pm EDT / 18.45-19.00 CEST

Screen Break

1.00-1.05 pm EDT / 19.00-19.05 CEST

Introduction to Breakout Session *

1.05-1.35 pm EDT / 19.05-19.35 CEST

Group Work: Your Turn – Taking a Stance *

1.35-2.00 pm EDT / 19.35-20.00 CEST

Wrap-up of Breakout Sessions *

2.30-3.30 pm EDT / 20.30-21.30 CEST

Optional: **Social Pre-Weekend Activity**

>> Monday, June 8, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: **Coffeehouse Chats**

9.00-9.40 am EDT / 15.00-15.40 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.40-9.50 am EDT / 15.40-15.50 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

9.50-10.00 am EDT / 15.50-16.00 CEST

Introduction to the Day *

Monika Mazur-Rafał (President of the Managing Board and Director, Humanity in Action Poland)

10.00-11.30 am EDT / 16.00-17.30 CEST

Genocide as a "Moral Endeavor" *

Konstanty Gebert (Journalist, Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland)

11.30 am-12.00 pm EDT / 17.30-18.00 CEST

Screen Break

12.00-1.00 pm EDT / 18.00-19.00 CEST

National Socialism and the Shoah – On Dealing with the Nazi Past in Germany *

Prof. Dr. Sybille Steinbacher (Professor of Holocaust Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt | Director of the Fritz Bauer Institute, Germany)

1.00-1.15 pm EDT / 19.00-19.15 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

1.15-2.00 pm EDT / 19.15-20.00 CEST

Debriefing and Wrap-up of the Day

>> Tuesday, June 9, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats

9.00-9.10 am EDT / 15.00-15.20 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.10-9.20 am EDT / 15.00-15.20 CEST

Greetings from our Ombudsperson

[Dr. Carolin Wiedemann](#) (Journalist & Author | Humanity in Action Board Member and Senior Fellow)

9.20-9.35 am EDT / 15.20-15.35 CEST

Fellows Talk: Mir Ali Hosseini (Fellow)

9.40-9.55 am EDT / 15.40-15.55 CEST

Fellows Talk: Anjali Katta (Fellow)

10.00-11.00 EDT / 16.00-17.00 CEST

"The German Dream" – Navigating the Idea of the Nation through an Increasingly Heterogeneous Society

Gülay Gün (Museum Consultant, Hamburg Ministry of Culture and Media | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

11.00-11.30 am EDT / 17.00-17.30 CEST

Screen Break

>> The following event takes place in cooperation with the project "For Democracy | Anti-Populism: Knowledge Transfer and Strategies in Citizenship Education" (Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich).

11.30 am-12.30 pm EDT / 17.30-18.30 CEST

The Political Far Right in Germany – A Threat to an Inclusive Society

Narku Laing (PhD Candidate, LMU Munich | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)



12.30-12.45 pm EDT / 18.30-18.45 CEST

Screen Break

12.45-1.45 pm EDT / 18.45-19.45 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Frederik Bechtoldt, Eleftheria Kazani, Jacob Fowler and Ajla Sahbegovic (Fellows)

1.45-2.00 pm EDT / 19.45-20.00 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Wednesday, June 10, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats

9.00-9.15 am EDT / 15.00-15.15 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.15-9.30 am EDT / 15.15-15.30 CEST

Fellows Talk: Emin Fafuluc (Fellow)

9.35-09.50 am EDT / 15.35-15.50 CEST

Fellows Talk: Anna Pietri (Fellow)

9.50-10.10 am EDT / 15.50-16.10 CEST

Screen Break

10.10-11.10 am EDT / 16.10-17.10 CEST

Crash Course on Intersectionality

Dr. Emilia Roig (Founder and Executive Director, Center for Intersectional Justice)

11.10-11.40 am EDT / 17.10-17.40 CEST

Screen Break: Taking a (virtual) walk

11.40 am-12.40 pm EDT / 17.40-18.40 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Christine Kindler, Maria von Behring and
Chunyang Wang (Fellows)

12.45-1.00 pm EDT / 18.45-19.00 CEST

Fellows Talk: Adam Ropizar (Fellow)

1.00-1.45 pm EDT / 19.00-19.45 CEST

Open Community Space

1.45-2.00 pm EDT / 19.45-20.00 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

2.00-3.00 pm EDT / 20.00-21.00 CEST

Optional: **Open Community Space**

>> Thursday, June 11, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: **Coffeehouse Chats**

8.45-9.00 am EDT / 14.45-15.00 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.00-9.15 am EDT / 15.00-15.15 CEST

Fellows Talk: Asma Alabed (Fellow)

9.20-9.35 am EDT / 15.20-15.35 CEST

Fellows Talk: Donald Andrews (Fellow)

9.40-9.55 am EDT / 15.40-15.55 CEST

Fellows Talk: Petros Xenios (Fellow)

10.00-10.15 am EDT / 16.00-16.15 CEST

Screen Break

10.15-11.15 am EDT / 16.15-17.15 CEST

**Class Matters! Capitalism and Class from a
Queerfeminist Perspective**

[Francis Seeck](#) (Anti-Discrimination Trainer & Author |
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

11.15-11.30 am EDT / 17.15-17.30 CEST

Screen Break

11.30 am-12.30 pm EDT / 17.30-18.30 CEST

**“Survival of the Frailest” – (Dis-)Ability, Politics and
Human Rights in Times of Covid-19**

Frieder Kurbjeweit (Activist & Researcher, Institute for
Disability Studies, Cologne University)

12.30-1.00 pm EDT / 17.30-19.00 CEST

Screen Break

1.00-1.50 pm EDT / 19.00-19.50 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Sean Gray, Marija Karic and Maria Krayem
(Fellows)

1.50-2.00 pm EDT / 19.50-20.00 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Friday, June 12, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: **Coffeehouse Chats**

9.00-9.20 am EDT / 15.00-15.20 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.20-10.00 am EDT / 15.20-16.00 CEST

Group Work: **Brainstorming and Heartstorming –
Action Project Ideas**

10.00-10.15 EDT am / 16.00-16.15 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

10.15 am-2.15 pm EDT / 16.15-20.15 CEST

Parallel Action Project Workshops *

- **Project Planning & Management**, Magdalena Krasowska-Igras (TechSoup Global)
- **How to Write Op-Eds**, [Saim Seed](#) (Journalist at Politico | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- **How to Do Podcasts**, [Mark Leon Goldberg](#) (Host at Global Dispatches Podcast | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

2.30-4.00 pm EDT / 20.30-22.00 CEST

Optional: **Beyond the Gender Binary**

[Alok Vaid-Menon](#) (Writer & Performance Artist | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

>> Monday, June 15, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: **Coffeehouse Chats**

9.00-9.20 am EDT / 15.00-15.20 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.20-9.35 am EDT / 15.20-15.35 CEST

Fellows Talk: Stacey Reimann (Fellow)

9.40-9.55 am EDT / 15.40-15.55 CEST

Fellows Talk: Jana Ahlers (Fellow)

10.00-11.00 am EDT / 16.00-17.00 CEST

Coloniality and Institutional Racism

Kwesi Aikins (Political Scientist & Activist, University of Kassel)

11.05-11.30 am EDT / 17.05-17.30 CEST

Screen Break

11.30 am-12.30 pm EDT / 17.30-18.30 CEST

For Those of Us Who Live at the Shoreline: On Black Life and the Black Womens Movement in Germany**

[Nelly Y. Pinkrah](#) (Activist | Cultural and Media Theorist, PhD Candidate, Leuphana University Lüneburg | Humanity in Action Fellow)

12.30-12.45 pm EDT / 18.30-18.45 CEST

Screen Break

12.45-1.45 pm EDT / 18.45-19.40 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Mir Ali Hosseini, Lisa-Ama Schrade and Petros Xenios (Fellows)

1.45-2.00 pm EDT / 19.45-20.00 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Tuesday, June 16, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats

9.00-9.10 am EDT / 15.00-15.10 CEST

Welcome to Frankfurt/Main

[Walid Malik](#) (PhD Candidate, University of Gießen | Alumnus of Goethe University Frankfurt | Humanity in Action Fellow)

9.10-9.25 am EDT / 15.10-15.25 CEST

Fellows Talk: Neha Vyas (Fellow)

09.30-10.00 am EDT / 15.30-16.00 CEST

Welcome to Goethe University Frankfurt/Main

10.00-11.00 am EDT / 16.00-17.00 CEST

Challenges to Democracy Today

Prof. Dr. Rainer Forst (Professor of Political Theory and Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt | Co-Director of the Research Center “Normative Orders”)

11.00-11.30 am EDT / 17.05-17.30 CEST

Screen Break

11.30-11.45 am EDT / 17.30-17.45 CEST

Fellows Talk: Yannik Roscher (Fellow)

11.50 am-12.05 pm EDT / 17.50-18.05 CEST

Fellows Talk: Maria von Behring (Fellow)

12.10-1.10 pm EDT / 18.10-19.10 CEST

Live Cooking & Feast

1.15-2.15 pm EDT / 19.15-20.15 CEST

Strengths and Limits of Diversity as a Tool

[Saad Malik](#) (Consultant & Trainer for Social Justice |
Alumnus of Goethe University Frankfurt | Humanity in
Action Senior Fellow)

2.15-2.30 pm EDT / 20.15-20.30 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Wednesday, June 17, 2020

8.15-8.45 am EDT / 14.15-14.45 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats

8.45-9.00 am EDT / 14.45-15.00 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.00-9.15 am EDT / 15.00-15.15 CEST

Fellows Talk: Maria Krayem (Fellow)

9.20-9.35 am EDT / 15.20-15.35 CEST

Fellows Talk: Frederik Bechtoldt (Fellow)

9.40-9.55 am EDT / 15.40-15.55 CEST

Fellows Talk: Ajla Sahbegovic (Fellow)

9.55-10.10 am EDT / 15.55-16.10 CEST

Screen Break

10.10-11.10 am EDT / 16.10-17.10 CEST

The NSU Complex

Bişeng Sürğün Ergin (Democracy Trainer, Anne Frank Educational Center, Frankfurt/Main | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

11.10-11.45 am EDT / 17.10-17.45 CEST

Screen Break – Taking a (virtual) walk

11.45 am-12.45 pm EDT / 17.45-18.45 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Neel Agarwal, Donald Andrews, Johanna Salomon and Evanthia Stavrou (Fellows)

12.45-1.00 pm EDT / 18.45-19.00 CEST

Screen Break

1.00-2.00 pm EDT / 19.00-20.00 CEST

The Antifeminist Agenda of the Right

Prof. Dr. Nivedita Prasad (Professor, Alice Salomon University of Applied Science | Advisory Board Member of Humanity in Action Germany)

2.00-2.15 pm EDT / 20.00-20.15 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Thursday, June 18, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: **Coffeehouse Chats**

9.00-9.20 am EDT / 15.00-15.20 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.25-9.40 am EDT / 15.25-15.40 CEST

Fellows Talk: Neel Agarwal (Fellow)

9.45-10.00 am EDT / 15.45-16.00 CEST

Fellows Talk: Marija Karic (Fellow)

10.05-10.20 am EDT / 16.05-16.20 CEST

Fellows Talk: Evanthia Stavrou (Fellow)

10.25-11.00 am EDT / 16.25-17.00 CEST

Screen Break

11.00 am-12.00 pm EDT / 17.00-18.00 CEST

Jewish Life in Germany Today

Laura Cazés (Advisor on Organizational Development,

Central Welfare Board of Jews in Germany)

Moderated by Hannah Joy Sachs (Program Coordinator |

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

12.00 pm-12.15 pm EDT / 18.00-18.15 CEST

Screen Break

12.15-1.15 pm EDT / 18.15-19.15 CEST

**Do we really learn from History? Perpetrators, Victims,
and Bystanders in Global Perspective**

Dr. Samuel Schidem (Museum Educator)

1.15-1.30 pm EDT / 19.15-19.30 CEST

Screen Break

1.30-1.45 pm EDT / 19.30-19.45 CEST

Fellows Talk: Sean Gray (Fellow)

1.45-2.00 pm EDT / 19.45-20.00 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Friday, June 19, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats

9.00-9.10 am EDT / 15.00-15.10 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.10-10.00 am EDT / 15.10-16.00 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Jana Ahlers, Anna Pietri and Adam Ropizar
(Fellows)

10.00-10.15 am EDT / 16.00-16.15 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

10.15 am-2.15 pm EDT / 16.15-20.15 CEST

Parallel Action Project Workshops *

- **Manifesting our Utopia, [Marie Nele Wolfram](#)**
(Trainer | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- **Activism in the Post-COVID World, [Erik Miltiadis Edman](#)**
(Trainer & Activist | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

- **Community Organizing 101**, [Tara Dickman](#) (Community Organizer & Trainer at Le Next Level | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- **Paper Cut Art**, Andrew Benincasa (Artist)

2.30-3.30 pm EDT | 20.30-21.30 CEST

Optional: Discriminating Algorithms

Dr. Nakeema Stefflbauer (Founder and CEO, FrauenLoop)

>> Monday, June 22, 2020

8.15-8.45 am EDT | 14.15-14.45 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats

8.45-9.00 am EDT | 14.45-15.00 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.00-10.00 am EDT | 15.00-16.00 CEST

Demystifying Migration – Views from Academia, Policy, and Grassroots Engagements

Panel Discussion with [Mariana Karkoutly](#) (Trainee, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

[Maria Garaki](#) (Senior Program Assistant, UNHCR Greece | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

Moderated by [Barbara Orth](#) (Researcher, Workgroup Globalisation at Free University Berlin | Humanity in Action Board Member and Senior Fellow)

10.05-11.05 am EDT / 16.05-17.05 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Anjali Katta, Stacey Reimann and Yannik Roscher (Fellows)

11.05-11.35 am EDT / 17.05-17.35 CEST

Screen Break

11.35-11.50 am EDT / 17.35-17.50 CEST

Fellows Talk: Chunyang Wang (Fellow)

11.55 am-12.10 pm EDT / 17.55-18.10 CEST

Fellows Talk: Johanna Salomon (Fellow)

12.10-12.45 pm EDT / 18.10-18.45 CEST

Screen Break

12.45-1.45 pm EDT / 18.45-19.45 CEST

Imagining Society Beyond the Binary

Lyra Pramuk (Activist & Artist)

Moderated by [Louisa Kläßen](#) (Teach First Fellow | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

1.45-2.00 pm EDT / 19.45-20.00 CEST

Wrap-up of the Day

>> Tuesday, June 23, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: **Coffeehouse Chats**

9.00-9.15 am EDT / 15.00-15.15 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

9.20-9.35 am EDT / 15.20-15.35 CEST

Fellows Talk: Eleftheria Kazani (Fellow)

9.40-9.55 am EDT / 15.40-15.55 CEST

Fellows Talk: Jacob Fowler (Fellow)

10.00-11.00 am EDT / 16.00-17.00 CEST

Anti-Muslim Racism in Germany Today

Ozan Kesinkılıc (Writer & Lecturer | Research Fellow,
Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences)

11.00-11.25 am EDT / 17.00-17.25 CEST

Screen Break

11.25 am-12.25 pm EDT / 17.25-18.25 CEST

Fellows Discussion

Facilitated by Asma Alabed, Emin Fafuluc and Neha Vyas
(Fellows)

12.30-1.30 pm EDT / 18.30-19.30 CEST

House of One – Three Religions under one Roof

Eric Haußman (Clergy, House of One Berlin)

1.30-2.00 pm EDT / 19.30-20.00 CEST

Last Wrap Up of the Day

2.30-3.30 pm EDT / 20.30-21.30 CEST

**Optional: When the Personal Becomes Professional:
Pursuing a Career in Human Rights**

Wenzel Michalski (Director, Human Rights Watch Germany
Advisory Board Member of Humanity in Action Germany)

>> Wednesday, June 24, 2020

8.30-9.00 am EDT / 14.30-15.00 CEST

Optional: Coffeehouse Chats

09.00-09.20 am EDT / 15.00-15.20 CEST

Daily Check-in & Community News

09.25-09.40 am EDT / 15.25-15.40 CEST

Fellows Talk: Lisa-Ama Schrade (Fellow)

09.45-10.00 am EDT / 15.45-16.00 CEST

Fellows Talk: Christine Kindler (Fellow)

10.00-10.30 am EDT / 16.00-16.30 CEST

Screen Break & Change of Virtual Location

10.30-11.30 am EDT / 16.30-17.30 CEST

Fellowship Presentations by Fellows *

11.30 am-12.30 pm EDT / 17.30-18.30 CEST

Fellows Debrief their Experience in Mixed Groups *

12.30-1.00 pm EDT / 18.30-19.00 CEST

Farewell Performance *

1.00-1.15 pm EDT / 19.00-19.15 CEST

Next Steps *

Humanity in Action Team

1.15-1.30 pm EDT / 19.15-19.30 CEST

Closing Remarks: Where do we go from here? *

Dr. Judith S. Goldstein (Founder and Executive Director,
Humanity in Action)

1.30-1.45 pm EDT / 19.30-19.45 CEST

Change of Virtual Location

1.45-2.15 pm EDT / 19.45-20.15 CEST

Farewell in National Groups

FELLOW BIOGRAPHIES



NEEL AGARWAL

Goethe University Frankfurt

Born and raised in the United States of America, Neel Agarwal is currently pursuing an MA in International Economics & Economic Policy at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany. As the son of immigrants (his parents moved from India to the USA), he has always been culturally sandwiched between two worlds. It is this perspective, as an insider and an outsider, that guides his curiosity in seeking out contrasting ideas and viewpoints. He has traveled to over 30

European countries and a recent visit to Sarajevo sparked an interest in researching refugee labor market outcomes which is now the focus of his master's thesis. After graduation, he plans to continue researching human rights issues and policy solutions at an international organization. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, singing, and playing basketball.



JANA AHLERS

University of Glasgow

Jana Ahlers is a social and climate justice activist and currently pursuing an MA in Education Policies for Global Development. Originally from Hamburg, Jana's passion for interdisciplinary education began with her involvement in CISV International, studying at Woodstock School, India and International People's College, Denmark, where education transcends generational and socio-economic (b)orders. She graduated with a BA in Liberal

Arts and Sciences from Leiden University College and has since studied in Jerusalem, Glasgow, Barcelona, and Cyprus. Jana has supported immigrant youth as a language coach, volunteered at spaces for homeless folk, and conducted training with an NGO to promote ethics at technical universities. She is organizing in the struggle for climate justice, mobilizing for COP26 with civil society, and regularly facilitating participatory community assemblies. You can find her in a hammock between two apple trees reading about social imaginaries, degrowth, and transformative pedagogies; writing poetry; or planning non-violent actions across Europe.



ASMA ALABED

Hertie School of Governance

Asma Alabed is a Syrian-Turkish American who has spent time studying and working between Toronto, Istanbul, Dubai, Palestine, Beirut, and Berlin. She has primarily worked with organizations and research institutions addressing education inequities and political media production across the Middle East. Asma plans to pursue holistic sustainable development to return agency and power back to communities and local experts in the Arab world. She is interested in learning and working on how to facilitate local knowledge to develop sustainable local enterprise networks that are scalable and can operate independent of oppressive capitalistic and economic power structures, which are destroying the social fabric of Middle Eastern communities. She firmly believes and lives by a radical re-imagination of being, communicating, and living based on compassion, equity, and love.



DONALD ANDREWS

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Donald (Will) Andrews is a Lexington, Kentucky native and rising junior at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). As a member of the Albert Dorman Honors College, Will is majoring in Industrial Engineering with a minor in Business and Information Systems. He is the treasurer for NJIT's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as well as a combination libero/outside hitter for NJIT's NCAA Division I Men's Volleyball team. As a teaching assistant for the Honors College Freshman Seminar, Will facilitates the transition to college for first-semester freshmen. Will has also volunteered at the First Avenue School in Newark, New Jersey, teaching volleyball to elementary school students in gym class. After NJIT, Will plans on going abroad to pursue an MPP and play professional volleyball.

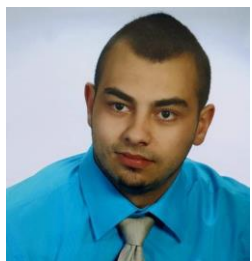


FREDERIK BECHTOLDT

Goethe University Frankfurt

Born and raised in Frankfurt's exurbs, Fredi Bechtoldt is finishing his MA in Philosophy. In Marburg, he wrote his bachelor thesis on world poverty and responsibility and in Frankfurt his master thesis is about limitless morality. Since 2015, Fredi has been interested in Effective Altruism, a movement of mostly young people who try to do as much good as possible with limited resources.

In 2019, he moved from Frankfurt to Blackpool, Great Britain, to live in a community house full of effective altruists. Afterwards, Fredi volunteered as a translator at Animal Ethics before starting a research internship there. He is now looking into methods for assessing the well-being of animals living in the wild. In his spare time, Fredi is a hockey coach, which enables him to work with children of all ages. After his MA, he plans to work for an NGO to tackle poverty or animal suffering.



EMIN FAFULIC

University of Travnik

Born and raised in Kakanj, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Emin Fafulic is a Faculty of Law student. Most of his life has been spent working with NGOs on improving the quality of life and status of the Roma in his country. Emin has participated in both the School of Political Studies, run by the Council of Europe, and the World Forum for Democracy. He works as a Life Skills facilitator with Roma

youth. Currently, Emin is a facilitator in the ROMACTED program from the Council of Europe as well as a regional coordinator for UNICEF's 'Immunization for every child' campaign. In the future, Emin plans to continue his studies at Central European University.



JACOB FLOWER

Pitzer College

Jacob Fowler is a recent Pitzer College 2018 graduate with a BA in World Literature and Psychology. During college, Jacob worked with several on-campus activist groups, including clubs like Teaching for Social Justice and A Cleaner Tomorrow. He was also a member of the AmeriCorps program Jumpstart where he served as a team leader.

During his senior year, Jacob was an award-winning essayist at the Vosburg seminar for his essay on the parallels of worship and voting patterns in the United States. Since graduation, Jacob has served as an elementary school teacher in Oakland, California. He teaches fourth grade at a Title I school. In his spare time, Jacob writes poetry and essays. His work can be found in places like Exposition Review, ProLit Magazine, The Wellington Street Review, and others. Jacob plans to continue teaching in the immediate future.



SEAN GRAY

Providence College

Born and raised in Rhode Island, Sean Gray is a rising senior at Providence College majoring in History and minoring in Philosophy and Spanish. Interested in early American history, Sean studies the paradoxes at the heart of the United States' foundational period in order to better understand the nation's current political climate. He works as a Writing Tutor at

Providence College's Writing Center and as a Research Assistant for the Department of History and Classics. Sean has contributed to the Rhode Island Historical Society's EnCompass Project, a digital primary source-based textbook about American history intended for high school students. As the Vice President of Providence College's Student Congress, Sean collaborates with students, faculty and administration to create a more inclusive culture on campus and expand academic opportunities for students. After Providence College, Sean hopes to pursue a JD while continuing to study American history and culture.



MIR ALI HOSSEINI

University of Freiburg

Mir Ali Hosseini holds an MA in Philosophy from KU Leuven and an MA in English Literatures and Literary Theory from the University of Freiburg, where he is currently working on his doctoral thesis on the essay form and mid-twentieth-century political cultures with a scholarship from the German Academic Scholarship Foundation. He is interested in exploring and promoting the public role of the humanities—despite and against their increasing professionalization and specialization—in addressing economic and social inequities of the neoliberal order. He believes that in creating an engaged, active citizenry, the humanities have a critical part to play.



MARIJA KARIC

University of Banja Luka

Born and raised in Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Marija Karić is a psychology graduate at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Banja Luka. She works with the University's Laboratory of Experimental Psychology, assisting in organizing laboratory activities and running their social media accounts. Her research is primarily focused on the cognitive processes specific to the bi-alphabetism in the Serbian language. Marija's interest in Developmental Psychology and her fascination with children has led her to volunteer under the project "Older brother/older sister" within the Youth Center "Hi Neighbour" for two years. She has been actively volunteering in a Children's Orphanage in Banja Luka since October of 2019. Marija plans to pursue an MSc in Clinical Psychology and eventually a PhD in Developmental Psychology.



ANJALI KATTA

Stanford University

From Vancouver, Canada, Anjali is a recent Stanford University graduate where she received a BS in Engineering Physics with a minor in Human Rights and completed her honors thesis through the Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law. In Vancouver, she founded her own organization, GirlsCo. that focused on educating students on gender inequality while raising money for girls

who live in the slums of Mumbai, India. During university, she combined her interest in engineering and social issues through her on- and off-campus experiences. These included co-founding a student group focused on international development, working for various sexual assault student organizations as well as with the UNHCR in Geneva and Malawi and a solar energy non-profit in Lesotho. In her spare time, Anjali loves to read and travel. Her most recent travels include a seven-month trip across Southeast Asia.



ELEFTERIA KAZANI

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Eleftheria (Erika) Kazani was born in Athens, Greece. She has studied law at the University of Athens and holds an MA in the philosophy and sociology of law. Erika's main academic and professional interests concern the interconnection of gender and law, human and labor rights as well as society and technology.



MARIA KRAYEM

Goethe University Frankfurt

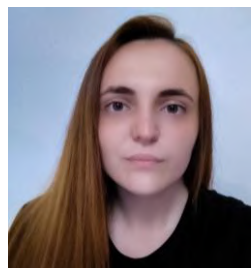
Maria Krayem is a Syrian-German student studying medicine and political sciences at the Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. She is a human rights activist and a global health advocate active at the local, national, and international level with NGOs like the International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA). She is a *Geh Deinen Weg* Scholar and has had first-hand experience with humanitarian work. Maria has worked part-time in a women's shelter for domestic abuse victims and is currently a volunteer with her university and local public health department as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response.



CHRISTINE KINDLER

Howard University

Christine Kindler is a doctoral student at Howard University in the Clinical Psychology program. Born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky, she earned her BA in History from the University of Kentucky. As an undergraduate, she was introduced to the field of conflict transformation while studying abroad in the West Bank and went on to work with peacebuilding organizations in both the USA and Afghanistan. These experiences deepened her interest in how cycles of violence are created and sustained through the inter-generational transmission of trauma and how they can be interrupted with community-based interventions. Before heading to Howard, she completed an MA in Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite University. Her current research focuses on the development of interventions that promote mental health following trauma exposure. In particular, she is interested in partnering with communities to contextualize and increase access to evidence-based programs that facilitate reconciliation in conflict and post-conflict settings.



ANNA PIETRI

Athens University of Economics and Business

Anna Pietri, born and raised in the small town of Corinth, Greece, is a recent graduate from the department of Marketing & Communication of Athens University of Economics & Business. Alongside her bachelor studies, Anna has been involved with the Erasmus+ community and as a Youth Worker of the NGO, EN.O Greece, for the past four years. She has taken part in numerous Erasmus+ projects across Europe and Africa, through which she discovered her passion for working to solve social injustices. Given that, she has managed to organize and facilitate various Erasmus+ projects within Greece on issues including social inclusion, racism, environmental awareness, and youth unemployment in rural areas. In her free time, Anna occupies herself with theater and writing.



STACEY REIMANN

University of Chicago

Stacey Reimann is a 2018 University of Chicago graduate from Alabama with a BA in Law, Letters, and Society. His studies focused on investigating how racist USA legal strategies created barriers for effectively integrating public schools across the nation, including a case study of his hometown in Alabama. Following graduation, Stacey spent the 2018-2019 school year as an English Teaching Assistant in Galicia, Spain through the Fulbright Scholars Program, where he organized a school program for students to share their stories as immigrants and refugees. Upon returning to the United States, he has worked in Washington D.C. for the Human Rights Campaign on a team called Project One America, which addresses the inequity of resources across the South in the fight for LGBTQ equality. He also works as a barista and language consultant at a non-profit café and bookstore that creates a space for community organizing and activism.



ADAM ROPIZAR

Florida International University

Adam Ropizar is a recent graduate from Florida International University (FIU) with a BA in Sustainability & the Environment. Adam has volunteered in FIU's LGBTQA Initiatives office since 2016 and, in 2018, joined the staff providing graduate-level support to LGBTQA students and training for faculty and staff. Adam is the recipient of several university-wide awards, including Outstanding Leadership and Top Five Student Employee of the Year. He also served as Board Director for the Global Civic Engagement Advisory Board, where he helped award grants to students hosting service projects. As a 2019 cohort member of the Maven Leadership Collective, Adam honed his research on sexual violence against LGBTQA individuals to better understand community-based approaches to activism and prevention work. This became his program Evolve Campus, a radically redefined standard for prevention curriculum on college campuses. Adam will join a master's program in Fall 2021 to study the intersections of human rights and identity.



YANNIK ROSCHER

Goethe University Frankfurt

Yannik Roscher graduated from the Universities of Frankfurt and Darmstadt with an MA degree in International Studies and Peace and Conflict Studies. During his studies, he focused on post-conflict societies and conflict transformation and has researched in Ireland, Tunisia, and Jordan. Yannik has worked at several government institutions

such as the regional centers for civic education in Hesse and Bremen, which are focusing on strengthening democracy and encouraging democratic participation in Germany. In 2017, he founded “mehr als wählen”, a local NGO focused on democratic innovations, participation, and the inclusion of people. In this context, he established the first Citizen Assembly in Frankfurt am Main, in which participants are randomly selected by lot and accompanied by those who are underrepresented in the discourse.



AJLA SAHBEGOVIC

Goethe University Frankfurt

After her mother fled the Bosnian War in the 1990s, Ajla was born and raised in Heidelberg, Germany. However, she always viewed Sarajevo as her second home. She is currently pursuing a BA in Political Science and French at Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. Ajla is fluent in German, English, French, and Bosnian and is currently learning Spanish. She is part of

her university's Model United Nations student initiative (MaiNMUN) and recently joined the German United Nations Association (DGVN) as a “teamer” to introduce the work and functions of the United Nations to high school students and show them the importance of political commitment and international diplomacy. During her studies, Ajla has focused on democracy and democratization in the former Yugoslav countries and hopes to work in this field later. She is also interested in German history, Jewish history and culture as well as human and minority rights.



JOHANNA SALOMON

Goethe University Frankfurt

Johanna Salomon's abiding interest in the field of Polish-Jewish relations, post-1945 (Jewish) history and the culture and politics in Central and Eastern Europe as well as relating issues of minority rights, transitional justice, culture production, memory, and reconciliation was strengthened during a two-months journey across Poland through a travel grant from the German zis-Foundation and UNESCO. She holds a BA in history and philosophy from the University of Freiburg, spent two years of her undergraduate studies back in Poland as a scholar in the "Metropolises in Eastern Europe" Program with the German National Academic Foundation, and studied for an MA in Eastern European Studies at Freie Universität Berlin. Having worked, interned, and volunteered for cultural and social institutions and organizations all over the world, Johanna has grown particularly interested in the cultural dimensions of individual and collective memory and identity, exploring the varied ways in which art and popular culture produce, process, and perform the past in the present and how difficult and contested histories and knowledge can be curated and exhibited in museums or other cultural institutions. Through her role as a program curator of THE ARTS+ Future of Culture Festival, Johanna has explored these questions in regards to digital technology. Johanna is also nearing completion of her MA in Curatorial Studies at Goethe University and the Academy of Fine Arts – Städelshule in Frankfurt. Her research focuses on Poland as she examines artistic and ludic reenactments of the Polish-Jewish past as complex practices of remembrance. Johanna is also a passionate ballet and modern dancer and a photographer. She has produced several short films and documentaries and has most recently discovered her love for horses and mental health advocacy.



LISA-AMA SCHRADER

Hertie School of Governance

Lisa-Ama is a 2020 candidate for the MIA at the Hertie School in Berlin. While she was born and raised in Munich, Germany, and part of her family is from Kumasi, Ghana, she has spent the last 10 years studying and working in the United States. She holds a BA in Cultural Studies and International Relations from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts and completed a semester abroad at Sciences Po Paris. Before starting graduate school, Lisa worked on immigration and criminal justice reform policy in Washington, D.C., most recently as a policy associate for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). Passionate

about ensuring access to justice for marginalized communities, she is also engaged in anti-discrimination and racial justice activism. Her fields of interest include social movements, migration, human rights, and intersectional advocacy. In her free time, Lisa loves listening to/making music.



EVANTHIA STAVROU

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

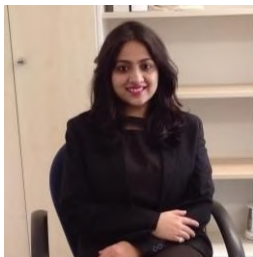
Evanthia (Evita) Stavrou is an arts & cultural program manager at Fix in Art and an upcycling, origami artist with over six years of experience in independent event and project production as well as creative social entrepreneurship. In the past, she has acted as a creative product and event director for various international cultural events, specializing in community driven arts, music, events, and awareness campaigns. She has conceptualized and delivered festivals, summits, and strategic campaigns within her capacity as the president of Fix in Art since 2016 as part of alternative and mainstream festivals. From the beginning of her presidency, Evita has focused on facilitating international cultural exchanges and developing an exchange platform for creatives and artists. This platform acts as a scouting and sourcing of creative talent for projects and joint endeavors within the organization as well as those in liaison with the local community. Evita plays a key role in facilitating symbiotic partnerships and spearheading outreach for community activities.



MARIA VON BEHRING

Goethe University Frankfurt

After graduating from high school in Frankfurt, Maria went to Cape Town and volunteered in a day care center for adults with psychiatric disabilities for one year. While studying Romance Philology in the following years, she contributed her experiences by volunteering for an email counseling organization and her university's phone counselling service for fellow students. In 2018, Maria started an MA in Economic Sociology, giving her the scientific tools to look at the relationship between economic systems, political systems and societies. Through working at a foundation that gives scholarships to migrant pupils in Germany as well as undertaking internships at an activist NGO and at a political newspaper, she is trying to discover different possibilities to make creating a more just society not only her vocation, but her professional future.



NEHA VYAS

Goethe University Frankfurt

Neha Vyas is a lawyer and academic from India. She is a Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Doctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Law, Goethe University, Frankfurt. Her area of interest is anti-discrimination law, feminist economics, intersectionality, gender equality, and employment laws. She worked as an Assistant Professor of Law in India before deciding to pursue her PhD in Germany. Currently, she is the Speaker for Gender Initiative at Goethe University, editorial assistant for Open Gender Journal, and a member of the Cornelia Goethe Centre. Apart from academics, she is interested in literature, philosophy, and music. She is an avid reader, classical dancer, and an aspiring writer. She plans to work on gender issues in policymaking in the future.



CHUNYANG WANG

Swarthmore College

Chunyang Wang is a soon-to-be graduate from Swarthmore College with an honors BA in Medical Anthropology. Committed to community service and social innovation, Chunyang has been named a Lang Opportunity Scholar and Clinton Global Initiative University Fellow alongside their selection as a Humanity in Action Fellow. They are passionate about using anthropological methodologies to expand the multicultural intersections of art and health/well-being. Their most recent project, FreeArt Initiative, is a mentorship program that aims to improve art education access and socioemotional well-being of rural-to-urban migrant students in China. Chunyang is twenty-one years old and calls China home.



PETROS XENIOS

Athens University of Economics and Business

Petros Xenios was born in Athens, Greece, where he completed both his bachelor and master studies. He holds a BA in Psychology, focusing on cross-cultural psychology and psychoanalysis. He later joined the European Federation of Psychology students, in which he participated as an active member by attending conferences and organizing projects to raise awareness of minorities. Now, he is a human resource professional, fascinated by the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from different cultural backgrounds. His master's thesis centered on cultural intelligence, which he explored the effects of on job performance as well as career satisfaction. When he is not planning for his next trip, he spends most of his time reading books and watching films.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

JOSHUA KWESI AIKINS

Joshua Kwesi Aikins is a political scientist and PhD candidate at the University of Kassel. His research interests include the interaction between western-style and indigenous political institutions in Ghana, post- and decolonial perspectives on 'development,' cultural and political representation of the African Diaspora, equality data and coloniality and the politics of memory in Germany. As an academic and an activist, Aikins is involved in various projects in both Germany and Ghana. Currently, he serves as expert member of a parliamentary commission of inquiry on racism and discrimination in the German state of Thuringia. As a policy officer with Diakonie Bundesverband he coordinated, co-wrote, and presented the parallel report to Germany's state report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2013-2015). As a member of the board of advisers for the Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Initiative Black People in Germany), he contributes both policy analysis and advocacy, e.g. for data collection toward tracing, proving, and combating the effects of institutional racism. Aikins is involved in antiracist organizing, diaspora empowerment, and the ongoing struggle for a decolonial renaming of Berlin streets and a shift from colonial to anti- and decolonial commemoration in and beyond the German capital. In Ghana, his involvement spans conceptual and policy work, from serving as an associate researcher for the Ghana Constitution Review Commission to the development and scientific lead for Ghana Vote Compass, Ghana's first voter advice application for the December 2012 election.

KALI-AHSET AMEN

Kali-Ahset Amen is the John Lewis Fellowship Program Director of Humanity in Action. She holds a B.A. in African Studies (Columbia University), a Ph.D. in Sociology (Emory University) and a graduate certificate in Museum Studies (Harvard University). She is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University and Associate Editor of *City & Community*, the urban section journal of the American Sociological Association. Kali-Ahset's scholarship and intellectual activism focus on black subjectivities and citizenship inequality in Central America and the U.S. South. She has received multiple fellowships in support of her research, including most recently, a 2018 Beinecke Library Postdoctoral Fellowship from Yale University. Previously, Kali-Ahset was Associate Director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference at Emory University and served on the faculty of Emory's Master's program in International Development Practice. Beyond the academy, Kali-Ahset

has worked as a policy researcher, award-winning radio journalist and exhibition curator for libraries and museums. She has lived and worked in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Panama and France.

HENRY ALT-HAAKER

Henry Alt-Haaker is the Chairman of the Board of Humanity in Action Germany and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2005 Berlin Fellowship). He currently heads the department "Strategic Partnerships and Robert Bosch Academy" of the Robert Bosch Stiftung as Senior Vice President. He joined the foundation in the role of program officer in August 2013 and served in different positions within the foundation since then. His primary expertise encompasses the foundation's cooperation with international Think Tanks, programs with German and international policymakers and the Robert Bosch Academy, an institution of the foundation for international decision makers and opinion leaders. The Robert Bosch Stiftung is one of the major foundations in Europe that is associated with a private company. Before joining the foundation, Henry Alt-Haaker headed the parliamentary office of German Minister of Justice Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger as chief clerk, served as a political officer at the Canadian Embassy in Berlin and worked for Humanity in Action in Paris. His expertise includes migration and integration, German politics as well as European and transatlantic affairs. He is an alumnus of several German foundations, including the German National Academic Foundation. After having studied German literature and philosophy at Humboldt University in Berlin, Sorbonne University in Paris and Washington University in St. Louis, he obtained a Master in Public Policy at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.

STEPHANIE ARCHANGEL

Stephanie Archangel is a junior curator at the History department of the Rijksmuseum in the Netherlands. She co-curated the exhibition "80 Years of War. The birth of the Netherlands" and "Here. Black in Rembrandt's time". At the museum, she is committed to translating the collection into contemporary social issues. She is also working on a terminology project in which the Rijksmuseum takes a critical look at existing titles and descriptions of its collection.

AJAMU BARAKA

Ajamu Baraka is a geopolitical analyst, organizer, writer, and human rights defender with over 48 years of movement work in the U.S. and internationally. Ajamu is on the Executive Committee of the U.S. Peace Council, the leadership body of the United National Anti-War coalition, the steering committee of the Black is Back Coalition and National

Organizer for the Black Alliance for Peace. He is an editor and contributing columnist for the Black Agenda Report and contributing columnist for Counterpunch. He was recently awarded the U.S. Peace Memorial 2019 Peace Prize and the Serena Shirm award for uncompromised integrity in journalism. In 2016 Baraka was the Green Party's Vice-Presidential candidate with Jill Stein in the 2016 U.S. presidential race. Baraka has taught political science at various universities and has been a guest lecturer at academic institutions in the U.S. and abroad. A frequent commentator on a number of domestic and international issues, Baraka has appeared on and been covered in a wide-range of print, broadcast, and digital media outlets such as CNN, BBC, the Tavis Smiley Show, Telemundo, ABC's World News Tonight, TeleSur, Black Commentator, Russia Today, the Washington Post and the New York Times.

ANDREW BENINCASA

Andrew Benincasa makes paper-cut art, stop motion animations, and stories. Andrew had pursued literature, languages, and education early on, but in his mid-twenties, made a shift to creating and performing shadow puppet shows. He performed for small audiences, week after week, year after year, developing his aesthetic. During this time, he taught himself paper-cut art, composition, and eventually animation. Andrew now operates from his studio in Brooklyn, New York as a freelance artist, making artwork, lightboxes, and animations for clients as well as working on his own projects. He is currently at work on an animated adaptation of the Book of Job.

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LAURA CAZÉS

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For the past few years, Laura was furthermore engaged in Jewish student activism. Between 2017 and 2019 she was serving as elected vice-president of the European Union of Jewish Students. Her special fields of interest are women's rights and gender equality as well as interfaith and intercultural alliances. She developed the concept of the first Jewish Women Empowerment Summit in Germany on behalf of the Educational Department of the Central Council of Jews in Germany and the Jewish Student Union in Germany that took place in February 2019. Laura gives talks and holds workshops on contemporary Jewish life in Germany for different audiences on a regular basis. She loves that her jobs enable her to explore Europe and Israel, and her free time she devotes to her other passions of dancing, writing, and cooking.

TARA DICKMAN

Tara Dickman is a community organizer, strategy consultant, and trainer specialized in inclusion and social justice. She was trained in organizing in Chicago in 2010 and has organized several local and national issue-based campaigns and coalitions. Tara worked for Humanity in Action France from 2007 to 2012. She joined Humanity in Action after receiving an MA in Comparative Politics from New York University (NYU), where she focused on the impact of the monopoly of cultural approaches to minority rights in international law on the understanding of the 2005 riots in the French suburbs. Tara grew up between Paris and its suburbs, where she has been and remains involved in social, artistic, and civil rights issues. Prior to attending NYU, she had received a BA in Information and Communication followed by a graduate program at the Institute for European Studies of Paris 8 University before doing comparative research on race and urban politics at Brown University. From 2010 to 2016, she organized a nationwide campaign against racial profiling in France involving several Humanity in Action Senior Fellows. The campaign resulted in France being found guilty of racial discrimination and several bills presented in the French Parliament on collecting data on stop and search practices. Today, with her non-profit organization Le Next Level, Tara is a strategist and a community organizer for projects fostering equal rights and opportunities and social cohesion. She is also a certified civil servant trainer on inclusive management, discrimination, and the implications of secularism in the workplace. Tara is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Paris Fellowship 2007).

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Erik Edman is a Greek-Swedish Athenian who left Greece in 2010. He received his BA in History and Politics from the University of Exeter in the UK, and his MSc on Political Sociology from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Erik Edman moved to Brussels in 2015 and worked for three years for various NGOs in Brussels while remaining an activist for human rights and against climate catastrophes. In 2016, he became a member of the Democracy in Europe Movement 2025 (DiEM25), the pan-European movement for the democratization of the EU. In 2017, Erik Edman became a member of the movement's Coordinating Collective. He returned to Greece in August 2018 to resume the responsibilities of Campaign Manager for MeRA25, DiEM25's electoral wing (political party) in the country. He traveled the length and breadth of the country in order to set up the foundation of the party and prepare for the European and National elections of 2019. In March 2019, he was selected by the movement as one of the MeRA25 candidates in the European and National elections. Since August 2019, he is the Head of the Central Office of DiEM25 in Brussels and responsible for Movement Planning as well as being the EU liaison for MeRA25.

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Biseng is studying International Studies/Peace and Conflict Studies with a focus on the Middle East at Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, where she already finished a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Political Science. Some parts of her studies were at Aix-Marseille Université in France and at Sabanci University Istanbul in Turkey. In her bachelor's thesis, she focused on the knowledge and experiences of the victims of the NSU-Complex in Germany. Biseng has been an activist for social justice for many years and gives workshops in the field of political education, e.g. for "Anne Frank Educational Center" or "BiLan-Bildungsinitiative Lernen aus dem NSU-Komplex". Her parents fled from Turkey when she was a baby and today as a Kurdish woman, she dedicates her political life to fight against discrimination, fascism, and wars. The solidarity with refugees, migrants, and the freedom of movement is a big part of this. Biseng writes poems or does spoken word, including for the transcultural German and Syrian collective "Literally Peace". Her dream is to publish a book of poems.

MITCHELL ESAJAS

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artefacts documenting the histories of Surinamese and Black people in the Dutch context. The Black Archives develops exhibitions and public programs based on the collections and urgent societal issues.

RAINER FORST

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MARIA GARAKI

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exploring her future academic steps. As an active member of the Hellenic League for Human Rights, she continuously participates in local human rights projects and keeps herself busy with her other interests: scouting, creative writing, and traveling. Maria is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2017).

KONSTANTY GEBERT

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MARIANA KARKOUTLY

Mariana Karkoutly has been advocating for human rights for years. Living in Syria and seeing the countless human rights violations perpetrated against women due to discriminatory laws called her to action. Mariana is currently pursuing legal training at the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights in the field of international crimes and accountability. This training gives her the opportunity to work on cases that are related to Syria, Iraq, and Yemen. Since arriving in Germany, Mariana has been engaged with refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Iran, Eritrea, and Iraq as a social worker. Furthermore, Mariana is actively involved in different women's rights organizations such as International Women Space and Women's Computer Center in Berlin (FCZB). She has coordinated projects related to refugees' mental and psychological health in Berlin and co-founded an organization that aims to re-define integration through educational programs targeting all members of the community (asylum seekers, refugees, locals, and migrants) and create a new "integration policy" in Germany. Mariana works closely with young Syrians through Adopt A Revolution, which has been supporting Syrian civil society organizations since 2011, as a project manager for political education with young Syrian activists in diaspora. She is also a legal consultant for CJA, working on cases related to war crimes and crimes against humanity. Mariana is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2018).

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Fremdgemacht & Reorientiert. Jüdisch-muslimische Verflechtungen ("Alienated & Reoriented. Jewish-Muslim Interrelations", together with Armin Langer, 2018). In spring 2019, his book *Die Islamdebatte gehört zu Deutschland* ("The Islamdebatte belongs to Germany") got published in AphorismA Press. Kesinkilic was featured in Le Monde, Deutschlandfunk, Frankfurter Rundschau, and taz. His writing has appeared in major German media outlets such as ZEIT ONLINE, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesspiegel, Deutsche Welle/Qantara, and others.

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Currently, his work focusses on the commodification and exploitation of disabled people in the German sheltered workshop system. Apart from his research, he is active in leftist political activism, promoting issues like accessible activism and a framing of disability not as a personal tragedy but a category of political oppression.

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WENZEL MICHALSKI

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SAMUEL SCHIDEM

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SYBILLE STEINBACHER

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„Kritische Kollektivität im Netz“. Her new book “Zart und frei” about the persistence of patriarchy and ways to overcome it will be published by Matthes&Seitz. Ms. Wiedemann is co-editor of Spheres, an online magazine about digital cultures, and a member of kritnet, a network for migration research. She is a board member of Humanity in Action Germany and participated in the Fellowship program in Berlin in 2010.

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Marie Nele Wolfram is a trainer for social activism, political participation, personal development, and project management. In 2014, she was elected as a member of the city council of her hometown Plauen, located in Eastern Germany, where she has been active in work against right wing extremism for many years. In 2017, she started the political campaign “Informationen für Deutschland”, using posters and social media to challenge anti-democratic assumptions and stereotypes before the national election. Nele studied International Relations in Dresden, where she founded a social charity network. As a project manager and co-founder of Impulse Boost Camp, she creates a space annually for young social change makers from all over the world to share experiences and learn together on how to make political activism fun. Nele lived in the USA, Paris, Burundi, and Tunisia before she moved to Berlin where she recently worked for the German Federal Foreign Office. Nele is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2019 Warsaw Fellowship).

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HANNAH JOY SACHS
Program Coordinator

Hannah Joy Sachs is delighted to join the Fellowship team as Program Coordinator after participating as a 2018 Berlin Fellow herself. Hannah was adopted from China and raised by a Jewish family in a predominantly white suburb of New York City. Her upbringing inspired her to research racial and cultural identity development within the Asian American adoptee community, first obtaining her BA in Sociology at Davidson College and then completing an MSc in Migration Studies from University of Oxford. Professionally, Hannah is an experiential educator who is passionate about building connections and promoting social justice through responsible travel. Recent courses she's led include studying visions of democracy in Myanmar; learning about conservation efforts in Indonesia; tracing migration patterns in China; and exploring racial dynamics post-Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, USA. Outside the program leading world, Hannah served as Social Justice Fellow at Stony Brook University's Interfaith Center and worked at a social enterprise cafe in rural Thailand. In her free time, Hannah loves horseback riding, cheering for the New York Yankees, and spending time with loved ones.



ANTJE SCHEIDLER

National Director & International Director of European Programs

Antje Scheidler has been with Humanity in Action since 2001, when she became the Program Director of the newly established German Fellowship program. Antje was born in East Germany and has lived in Berlin for almost her entire life where she experienced the fall of the Berlin Wall as a teenager. She studied English and

American Studies, Sociology and Political Science at Humboldt University Berlin and at the University of Toronto. She shares a great interest in migration-related issues and matters of social cohesion. Antje was a researcher at Humboldt University in the Department of Demography from 2000 to 2007 and the Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter "Migration und Bevölkerung" from 2000 to 2011. Her focus areas in Humanity in Action have been the Annual International Conferences, the organization's outreach to Greece as well as Grant Competitions for Humanity in Action Senior Fellows. Antje is the National Director of Humanity in Action Germany and International Director of European Programs. Apart from enjoying family life with her two daughters, Antje enjoys long-distance running.



KETEVAN WEHRSIG

Coordinator of Programs and Administration

Ketevan Wehrsigg joined the Humanity in Action Berlin office in January 2020 as our Coordinator of Programs and Administration. Ketevan hails from Borjomi, a small, multicultural city in the Georgian mountains. A European Voluntary Service brought her to Berlin for the first time, where she supported the coordination of

the Social Leader Forum for young professionals from civil society, business, and administration from four Caucasus countries. Previously, Ketevan worked with ethnic minorities to empower women and promote gender equality and integration in the regions of Georgia. During her master studies at the University of Flensburg Ketevan stayed connected with the fields of diversity and peace: She wrote her master's thesis on ethnic minority education and researched how multilingual education can influence social cohesion in multicultural societies. Her major areas of interest are interculturalism, conflict transformation, human rights, and gender equality.

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