

# **Copenhagen Fellowship**

2023



# >> Climate Change, Human Rights & Democracies in Crises June 8 - June 30

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# **GREETINGS FROM OUR CEO**



#### TALIA DUBOVI (SHE/HER) Interim CEO | Humanity in Action, Inc. 2000 Amsterdam Fellow

The first days of my Humanity in Action Fellowship were a whirlwind. I remember being overwhelmed: meeting the other Fellows, traveling to new cities, and participating in days full of intense and emotional content with barely a moment to catch my breath. But a month later, I walked away as part of a network of Fellows that would grow and endure over the years since. I'm truly honored to welcome you, our newest class of Fellows, to this community.

The world has changed quite a bit since I was a Fellow. But Humanity in Action's goals have remained constant: to educate, connect, and inspire future leaders to strengthen democracy, protect human rights, advance social equity, and pursue justice.

Over the coming weeks, you will experience our unique approach to examining current challenges through the lens of history and cross-cultural dialogue. I hope you find your time with us enriching, thought-provoking, and rewarding, and that you gain a new perspective on some of our world's most pressing challenges. But most importantly, I hope you take advantage of this opportunity to learn from each other. To listen to each other's stories, to seek new perspectives, to lean into your growth edges, and to truly hear and engage with different opinions.

The coming weeks are only the first step on your Humanity in Action journey. As part of our Senior Fellow community, you will be connected to generations of Humanity in Action alumni who, like you, are committed to the pursuit of social justice. The connections you forge, the friendships you make, and the support systems you create will endure long beyond this summer and will stay with you as you embark on your professional path.

Welcome to Humanity in Action.

# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF COPENHAGEN FELLOWSHIPS

Welcome by National Director Mikaela v. Freiesleben

Since our first Fellowship in 1999, Humanity in Action has worked to instill the values of human dignity and moral responsibility for the protection of the rights of minoritised people and groups in a new generation of social, cultural, and political leaders. Inspired by the flight and rescue of the Danish Jews during World War II in 1943, Humanity in Action Denmark and the Copenhagen Fellowship represent the very foundation of this work. Since our founding in 1997, we have educated, inspired, and connected more than 2700 young people worldwide.

The Copenhagen Fellowship proudly works to continue this tradition at our **25th Fellowship** this year. Yet, over the past 25 years, we have also sought to expand upon our foundations. As new challenges face our democratic societies, the program develops and redefines itself. Today, the Copenhagen Fellowship explores not only the roots of its history but also contemporary human rights issues and concerns affecting minoritised groups.

Pedagogically, the Copenhagen Fellowship strives to be a testing ground for new thinking driven by Fellow dialogue, discussions, and disagreements. Through a highly interdisciplinary program, the Fellowship seeks to engage its Fellows in current democratic challenges and inspire them to action - now and in the future.

We would like to express our gratitude to our donors. The Humanity in Action Fellowship in Copenhagen is only possible because of our supporters, who have continually believed in the idea of Humanity in Action. We are deeply thankful to Knud Højgaards Fond, Aage og Johanne Louis-Hansens Fond, Hermod Lannungs Fond, Hoffmann & Husmans Fond, Wistifonden, Politiken-Fonden, **Tuborgfondet, Dreversfonden,** Nordeafonden, and Plums Fond for Fred, Økologi og Bæredygtighed for supporting the program, several of these foundations through many years.

We would further like to sincerely thank our host families who - once again open their homes to many of our Fellows.

At a time of great tension in local, national, and international realms - with a war raging in Ukraine, the reverberations of a global pandemic, democracies under pressure, and Human Rights threats around the globe we are proud to welcome yet another cohort of 23 engaged Fellows, and to continue our support to pluralistic voices working towards advancing social justice in Denmark and abroad.

Let's make this count!

Mikaela v. Freiesleben

National Director Humanity in Action Denmark

### CLIMATE CHANGE, HUMAN RIGHTS & DEMOCRACIES IN CRISES THE 2023 FELLOWSHIP THEME

For the first year, out of three, the Copenhagen Fellowship will delve into the complex issues of **climate change, democracy, and human rights in a world in crisis**, and explore how we can strengthen active citizenship and inspire continued action.





During our three weeks in Copenhagen, the 2023 CPH Fellow cohort will explore how we avoid losing sight of climate change amid all the present crises of the world today, how we can ensure democracy and human rights in a world of upheaval, and how we can avoid action turning into apathy.

Through workshops, discussions, and presentations by experts, politicians, NGOs, activists, and other actors in these fields, **the purpose of the Fellowship is to equip Fellows with knowledge on how to engage with today's society's greatest challenges and to explore concrete ways of action.** 







# PRACTICAL INFORMATION Sharing the space



## CODE OF CONDUCT

Humanity in Action is committed to providing a respectful environment to all those involved in its programs. Fellows, Senior Fellows, Staff, Program Interns, and Board Members in all participating countries (collectively, "Network Members") are ambassadors of Humanity in Action and should demonstrate appropriate conduct in the programs and public during the duration of Humanity in Action programs.

The Code of Conduct describes Humanity in Action's expectations for the behavior of its Network Members throughout their participation in the Fellowship programs and all other network activities. The envisioned purpose of this Code of Conduct is to promote a constructive learning environment for all Network Members, particularly our Fellows. Guest speakers, volunteers, freelancers, and trainers will also be informed about our network's Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct is not intended to be comprehensive or to address all possible applications of, or exceptions to, Humanity in Action's expectations. Nor is it intended to, in any way, limit a Network Member's rights to communicate with a government agency, as provided for, protected under, or warranted by applicable law. In addition, we understand that different terms mean different things in different contexts, languages, and countries. If you have any questions, please ask for clarification.



Please refer to our website for the full text on our Code of Conduct.

# MEET OUR OMBUDSPERSON



ANNE KATRINE EBBESEN (SHE/HER) Communications Officer | Nordregio, Board Member | Humanity in Action Denmark

2013 Copenhagen Fellow

#### Contact: ombudsperson.dk@ humanityinaction.org

As in society at large, also in Humanity in Action's educational programs, and other ventures of the Humanity in Action community, situations that violate the organization's code of conduct can arise. Humanity in Action is committed to providing an open, respectful, and safe environment for its Fellows. Senior Fellows, Program Interns, Staff, Board Members, speakers, partners, and others involved in its programs. Anne Katrine Ebbesen 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.

Senior Fellow (2013) and Lantos Congressional Fellow (2014), Anne Katrine Ebbesen is the ombudsperson for Humanity in Action Denmark. With a BA and MA in Rhetoric from the University of Copenhagen, specializing in minority studies, nationalism, and campaign analysis, she is also trained in conflict resolution and interreligious dialogue from programs in Lebanon, Armenia, and Denmark. Anne Katrine is currently the Communications Officer at Nordregio, the Regional **Research Institute of The Nordic Council and Humanity in Action** Denmark Board Member.

### CREATING CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE THROUGH COMMON VALUES

#### GOOD AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE

A good, open, and respectful dialogue is crucial for change and therefore crucial for Humanity in Action. Throughout the Fellowship we will work together to achieve good and constructive dialogues.

We communicate with each other all the time, therefore, how we communicate is central to the way we interact as human beings and how we function as a group. Together we will work to create the best possible foundation for good and constructive dialogue and communication - when we agree as well as when we disagree.

But what determines a "good" dialogue or a "good" conversation? A good dialogue and a good conversation can have many forms and we may interpret it in many different ways. Humanity in Action emphasizes an open and inclusive dialogue as an important value regarding" good" communication.

But what is it to you? In collaboration, you will define what good communication means to you, the 2023 Fellowship cohort, and you will create a foundation of common group values together.

#### WHAT ARE VALUES -TO YOU?

Values can be said to be culturally determined perceptions of what is valuable and desirable, and what is not.

Every human being lives their life based on their values which have often been determined in an early stage of life. Our dayto-day actions are influenced by our values, often without conscious awareness. These implicit values are shown through our interactions with others.

Values are more often than not implied and not necessarily mentioned explicitly but show themselves through our opinions and actions. Without explicit verbalisation, values are expressed through our communication and attitudes towards other people.

This can be expressed in the way we begin and end a conversation, how we listen, how we respond, if we are attentive towards the other person, and finally what words we choose when we speak with each other.

We are curious to know what values **you** would like to be present during the Fellowship in order to create open and constructive communication. Throughout the Fellowship, we will explore which values are especially important to you and how you would like them to be expressed in the way we communicate with each other.





# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Where to go, what to eat, what to do - and how to do it



### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

#### FOOD

Lunch will be provided on all program days, and will be sensitive to individual dietary restrictions. When at Karens Minde, our main venue, lunch will be served warm and organic. When we are on tour, lunch may be sandwiches and the like.

You are responsible for your own breakfast and dinner. As well as all meals on days without programming. Some host families may provide breakfast and some dinners. Please refer to the individual host family to arrange meals.

#### ACCOMODATION



Fellows from abroad are offered to stay with a host, a host family, a flatshare, or a dorm depending on availability and possibilities. This may vary from year to year.

Fellows are asked to be sensitive to their hosts' expectations, show openness to get to know the host and their families, as well as take part in the daily routines of the host and assigned chores.

People outside the Fellowship are not allowed to stay overnight in any Humanity in Action-sponsored accomodation without pre-approval from Staff, and where applicable, hosts.

#### TRANSPORTATION



Fellows from abroad will be equipped with a travel card for public transportation. This will *not* cover all transportation during the Fellowship, only to/from the host family and location. Should you have any issues with getting to the locations, you may always contact the staff.

#### LOCATIONS

The Copenhagen Fellowship will take place in several different locations in Copenhagen. It is your responsibility to check which location we will be at each day of your Fellowship. The location will appear in the day-today program.

Important! Fellows and staff must respect the spaces that we have been invited into.

We expect you will keep them in good shape and order, tidy up after yourselves, and be mindful of other activities that might take place in these locations while we are there.

Read more about our locations further down.

# IMPORTANT PROGRAM COMPONENTS

# CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

These are important components of our everyday schedule. They will usually take around 15 minutes and are meant as spaces of transition where we prepare ourselves to either begin or end the day together.

They might sometimes include exercises inspired by meditation or mindfulness. You are welcome to come up with suggestions on how to start and end the day in a meaningful way.

We expect you to be on time and ready every morning for our check-in.

#### **GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

We have set time aside for group discussions most days. We invite you to take turns in leading these discussions.

The aim is to provide a space for you to discuss the topics of the day in greater depth with your peers.

The discussions can also focus on topics you feel are missing from the program or on something you are passionate about.

Sign up at the beginning of the program to lead a group discussion.

#### **GROUP VALUES**

We are in this space together, we are learning together and discussing with one another - sometimes emotional topics close to our hearts.

We will begin this Fellowship by exploring our values and determining our group values together.

E.g. How do we want to learn together in a respectful manner? What does respect mean to you? And what kind of behavior supports respectful listening? See above for more thoughts on values.

#### SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

We would like each of you to introduce a speaker before their lecture. Sign up for a speaker at the beginning of the program.

#### LECTURES

Each day we will have lectures focusing on different aspects of our theme. The lectures will vary in length and style. Some will be more workshop oriented, others will be discussion oriented, but many will also be classical lectures.

#### **OPEN EVENTS**

Some of our events during the Fellowship will be open to the public and friends of Humanity in Action. Please feel free to invite family and friends to these events. They can sign up for these events in a form that will be shared before the event takes place.

#### ACTION PROJECT WORKSHOP

We have 2 workshops of 2 hours to inspire you to go from *passion* to *action*, and 2 hour towards the end of the program to further work on your project.

#### **Please NOTE:**

On our first day at Ungdomsøen/Youth Island, we will ask you to **pitch your project idea** (1 min.) for the other Fellows.

Please read more about Action Projects under the headline: "Turning Knowledge Into Action".

### SENIOR FELLOW ACTION DAY

On June 23 - **Sankt Hans Aften** we have a special afternoon and evening planned for you and our Senior Fellow community. The purpose of it is to bring you and our Senior Fellows together to connect and **strengthen your own as well as the Humanity in Action network.** 

We will end with a dinner and a bonfire!



#### **BREATHING SPACES**

On the second day of our Fellowship, we will introduce and guide you through a short meditation. We call the meditation **Breathing Space**.

This is a simple meditation that restitutes the brain and the body, which can be useful and soothing during the day or after a long day. Meditation can also help increase focus, concentration, and presence.

We will offer these meditations daily for those who find it soothing and helpful.

#### **GOODBYE DINNER**

June 30 is our last day together. We will mark the end of our time together in Copenhagen with a dinner and a party at our main venue, Karens Minde Kulturhus.

We encourage you to make this day special and thus invite you to join in the planning of the dinner and party.

Sign up in the beginning of the Fellowhsip if you would like to create a magical setting for our Goodbye Dinner.



### **ABOUT OUR VENUES**

#### OUR MAIN VENUE: KARENS MINDE KULTURHUS

Karens Minde Kulturhus (Karen's Memorial Culture House) is the place where we will be spending most of our days. Originally an asylum, the house now serves as a multipurpose space, often rented out as a venue for various events.

Karens Minde Kulturhus is located in Sydhavnen (South Harbour), a district in southern Copenhagen. Sydhavnen is largely a former working-class district and a less trodden path in Copenhagen, but has lately seen an architectural boom and now also contains upscale residential areas along the harbor as well as parks and recreational areas.

The place also houses a café and a library as well as green areas for us to work outside - if the weather allows for it - or just relax and hang out. There are even some animals.



#### ANDELSGAARDE

"Andelsgaarde" is a new cooperative movement with the aim of buying, rebuilding, and leasing farms to cultivate the land regeneratively in a modern and sustainable way. They work to mitigate the climate and biodiversity crisis and to produce more healthy food while giving more space to nature.

We will visit the association's first farm - Lerbjergaard - located in Melby in North Zealand.

#### CINEMATEKET

The Cinematheque is to film what libraries are to books. *Cinemateket* is a cinema placed in the center of Copenhagen that enriches film culture by keeping film history alive through the screening of historical films and cinematic cultural works. Humanity in Action hosts an Open Event at Cinemateket on June 19.

#### HUMANITY IN ACTION DENMARK

At our Welcome Reception on June 8, you will get to see where all the magic happens! Our small office is located in a 17th-century building at *Christianshavn*. We share the space with a long list of other NGOs.

#### THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK -DTU SKYLAB

DTU Skylab is an innovation hub and a cross-disciplinary learning environment used by various institutes at DTU. Besides its 5500 square meters, complete with labs, workshops, auditoriums, open spaces, and project rooms, DTU Skylab offers soft funding, business acceleration, prototyping, and a space to grow for deep tech start-ups and prestart-up projects. We will spend a day in their facilities and learn more about their research on "Technology - Leaving No One Behind".

#### UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN - SOUTHERN CAMPUS



On June 26 and 28, we will be hosted by the University of Copenhagen - Southern Campus (Søndre Campus). The University of Copenhagen is spread out in several different locations in the city, this part houses the Faculties of Law, Humanities, and Theology.

#### UNGDOMMENS DEMOKRATIHUS

We will have a couple of events at **Ungdommens Demokratihus** (Youth Democracy House), among others our Senior Fellow Action Day on June 23. It is a communal space for young people, and it is placed in Copenhagen's Meat Packing District, which is particularly busy at night with bars, restaurants, and places to dance.

#### UNGDOMSØEN/ YOUTH ISLAND

On June 15-16, the Copenhagen Fellowship will take place at *Ungdoms-øen* (Youth Island), an Island located just a short ferry ride from Copenhagen. It is an old sea fortress from 1894. In 2015 it was acquired and donated to the Danish Scout Movement by The A.P. Møller Foundation and the Nordea Foundation. Youth Island aims to strengthen young people in their journey to become active, committed, and curious citizens.

We will spend the night there in rooms 4-8. **Remember to bring your swimming suit! (All meals,** towels, and linen will be provided, but anything else you will need to bring from home as there are no shops).

It's not permitted to bring alcohol to the island.

### **VENUE ADRESSES**



#### ANDELSGAARDE

Lerbjerggård Melbyvej 129 3370 Melby

#### KARENS MINDE KULTURHUS

Wagnersvej 19 2450 København SV ' Stuen på 1.', 'Kvisten' & 'Loftet'





#### **CINEMATEKET** Gothersgade 55 1123 København K

#### UNGDOMMENS DEMOKRATIHUS

Slagtehusgade 10A 1715 København V 'Meat Packing District'



#### DTU SKYLAB Centrifugevej 374 2800 Kgs. Lyngby 'Auditoriet'

#### **YOUTH ISLAND** Meeting Place:

Meeting Place: Nyhavn 71



#### UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN -

Faculty of Law Njalsgade 76 2300 København S Building 8A, Ground floor Room 8A-0-57





#### HUMANITY IN ACTION DK

Dronningensgade 14 1420 København K *The Backyard* 



DENMARK

# >>2023 **FELLOWSHIP** PROGRAM **Day-by-Day Schedule**



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW - WEEK 1 & 2

#### WEEK 1

Monday

WEEK 2

June 5 | 16.00-20.00 Welcome to Humanity in Action Grief, Transformation & Hope Online Intl. Opening Program June 12 | 9.30-16.30 Introduction to Climate Change & Human Rights Karens Minde Kulturhus

#### Tuesday

June 6 | 16.00-20.00 Colonialism & Climate Justice Online Intl. Opening Program June 13 | 9.30-16.30 The Geopolitics of Climate Change & Justice Claims in Energy Transistion Karens Minde Kulturhus

#### Wednesday

June 7 Travel day June 14 | 9.30-15.30 The Flight and Rescue of the Danish Jews - October 1943 Karens Minde Kulturhus

#### Thursday

June 8 | 17.00-19.00 Welcome Reception The Humanity in Action Office June15 | 8.45-Going to Youth Island: Action Project Pitches, Activism & Mental Health Meetingplace: Nyhavn 71

#### **Friday**

June 9 | 9.30-16.00 First Day of the Fellowship! Karens Minde Kulturhus June 16 | 9.00-15.20 Youth Island: Action Project Workshop Day

#### Saturday/Sunday

June 10 | 11.00-17.00 A day of getting to know each other: Create Constructive Dialogue Through Common Values Karens Minde Kulturhus

June 17 & 18 Two Days Off - Rest and Explore!

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### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW - WEEK 3 & 4**

#### WEEK 3

Monday

WEEK4

June 19 | 9.30-22.00 Introduction to Danish Democracy & Commemoration of Juneteenth Karens Minde Kulturhus Cinmateket

June 26 | 9.45-15.00 The Right to Science #1, Democracies in Crises University of Copenhagen

#### Tuesday

June 20 | 9.30-16.15 Negotiating Climate Change & Fostering Hope Karens Minde Kulturhus June 27 | 10.00-15.30 Technology -Leaving No One Behind DTU - Skylab

#### Wednesday

June 21 | 9.30-16.30 Gender, Climate & Economy Karens Minde Kulturhus June 28 | 9.30-17.00 + 17.30-21.00 The Right to Science #2 Optional event: Tech Bazar University of Copenhagen DTU - Skylab

#### Thursday

June 22 | 9.30-15.30 Movement building & Activists Tactics Karens Minde Kulturhus June 29 | 10.00-Open Event: What Do We Value & visit to Lerbjergaard, Melby Ungdommens Demokratihus Field trip to Melby

#### **Friday**

June 23 | 9.30-Mental Health X Climate Change Senior Fellow Action Day Karens Minde Kulturhus & Ungdommens Demokratihus

June 30 | 11.00-Last day: Evaluations, Key Take-aways & Farewell Dinner Karens Minde Kulturhus

#### Saturday/Sunday

June 24 & 25 Two Days Off - Rest end Explore! July 1 Departure day....

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# Thursday June 8

Venue Humanity in Action Denmark



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#### **ARRIVAL AND WELCOME**

A warm welcome to Humanity in Action's Copenhagen Fellowship 2023! Some of you have traveled far while others have only biked a few kilometers. Today, we have arranged a Welcome Reception in our lovely backyard. Here, you will finally get to meet your cohort in person. You will also get a chance to talk to Senior Fellows, board members, and host families.



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#### AGENDA

#### 17.00-19.00

**Welcome Reception** 2023 Fellows, Host families, Board Members & Staff



# Friday June 9

Venue Karens Minde Room: Stuen på 1.



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#### INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM AND OUR THEME

Let the program begin! We will kickstart the Fellowship with an icebreaker. We will hear about your expectations, and the team will take you through our code of conduct and other practicalities. Then we will take you through the program, before kicking it off with an Opening Lecture by Morten Kjærum, Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Board Member of Humanity in Action Denmark. Morten will guide you through a Human Rights based approach to climate change and democracy.



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09.30-9.45	Arrival & Coffee
09.45-10.45	<b>Welcome to the Copenhagen Fellowship</b> Mikaela v. Freiesleben   National Director, HIA Denmark & Katja Madsen   Program Manager, HIA Denmark
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.00	<b>Expectations, Code of Conduct &amp; Introduction to the Program</b> <i>Mikaela v. Freiesleben &amp; Katja Madsen</i>
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-15.00	<b>A Human Rights Approach to Climate Change &amp; Democracy</b> Morten Kjærum   Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
15.00-15.10	Break
15.10-15.30	Walk & Talk
15.30-15.45	Check-out

# Saturday June 10

Venue Karens Minde Room: Kvisten



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#### CREATING CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE THROUGH COMMON VALUES

Today we will get to know each other better, and learn about what we value when working with others. Mette von Andics will take us through some teambuilding exercises and help us determine our group values to build a good foundation for the rest of the Fellowship.

### DAY 05 notes

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#### AGENDA

- 11.00-11.15 Arrival & Coffee
- 11.15-11.30 Check-in
- **11.30-13.30Creating Constructive Dialogue through**<br/>Common Values #1<br/>Mette von Andics | Certified ISTDP and NLP Coach, Founder<br/>& CEO of Stay Present
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.45Creating Constructive Dialogue through<br/>Common Values #2<br/>Mette von Andics
- 16.45-17.10 Check-out

# Monday June 12

Venue Karens Minde Room: Stuen på 1.



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#### CLIMATE CHANGE & HUMAN RIGHTS

We will kick off the week with an introduction to the climate crisis and Human Rights. In the morning we will be introduced to IPCC's work and challenges by Jens H. Christensen, and in the afternoon Steven L.B Jensen will dig into the evolution of the Human Rights system with us.

### DAY 06 notes

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#### AGENDA 09.30-09.45 Arrival and coffee 09.45-10.00 Check-in & Intro to week 2 10.00-12.00 The Climate & Humans - The Troubled Relationship Jens Hesselbjerg Christensen | Professor in Climate Physics & IPCC writer 12.00-13.00 Lunch 13.00-15.00 The Evolution of International Human Rights: A Global South Project? Steven L.B. Jensen | Senior Researcher, Danish Institute of Human Rights & Vice Chair HIA Denmark 15.00-15.30 **Break** 15.30-16.15 **Group Discussion** 16.15-16.30 Check-out

# Tuesday June 13

Venue Karens Minde Room: Stuen på 1.



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#### THE GEOPOLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE & JUSTICE CLAIMS IN ENERGY TRANSITION

Climate change is a global problem that is deeply rooted in the use of fossil fuels. Today, you will learn about the geopolitics of climate change and the role of energy. The energy transition requires urgent action, but such actions must follow human rights principles. In a workshop, you will identify and learn to navigate justice claims in the energy transition.



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#### AGENDA

- 09.30-09.45 Arrival and coffe
- 09.45-10.00 Check-in
- 10.00-11.30 The Geopolitics of Climate Change: Here is what you need to know Morten Svendstorp I Public Affairs Lead, Novo Nordisk & Chair of HIA Denmark
- 11.30-12.00 Walk & Talk
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- 13.00-16.00 Navigating Justice Claims in the Energy Transition: Whose Rights and Whose Justice? (workshop) Vasna Ramasar I Senior Lecturer in Human Ecology at Lund University
- 16.00-16:15 Break
- 16.15-16:30 Check out

# Wednesday June 14

Venue Karens Minde Room: Stuen på 1.



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#### THE FLIGHT AND RESCUE OF THE DANISH JEWS - OCTOBER 1943

During World War II, in October 1943, the majority of Danish Jews fled to Sweden with the help of Danish civil society. Today, we will dive deeper into the founding story of Humanity in Action as we hear first generation's accounts of this pivotal moment in Danish history. We will see a documentary film about the flight and rescue and talk to a first and a third generation survivor about their experiences growing up in the shadows of WWII.

### DAY 08 notes

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#### AGENDA

09.30-09.45	Arrival and Coffee
09.45-10.00	Check-in
10.00-12.00	<b>"A Jewish Woman's Story", Film Screening &amp; Talk</b> Emma Klose Gorodkin   Filmmaker, Storyteller & Artist
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-15.00	<b>Flight and Rescue from the eyes of an 8-year old - A Survivor Tells Her Story</b> Edel 'Lulli' Bundgård Jensen in conversation with Emma Klose Gorodkin
15.00-15.15	Break
15 15-15 30	Check out

# Thursday June 15

Venue Ungdomsøen/ Youth Island



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#### **GOING TO YOUTH ISLAND**

We will meet early morning in the beautiful harbor of Nyhavn. After a short boat ride (30 min.) to Ungdomsøen/Youth Island, we will spend some time settling in and exploring the island. In the afternoon, you will share your Action Project pitches and recieve feedback from your co-Fellows. Later, we will have a workshop on mental health and activism.

There will be time to jump in the water, explore the island, and in the evening we will make a bonfire and see what the buzzword 'hygge' means in practice. Don't forget your bathing suit!

## DAY 09 notes

08.45 sharp!	<b>Meeting time in Nyhavn, in front of No. 71</b> Departure 9:00 - Boat trip 9 - 9.30
10.00-11.00	Introduction to Youth Island Tour of the Island by an Island-Volunteer
11.00-12.00	<b>Practical Information</b> Mikaela v. Freiesleben
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-15.00	Action Project Pitch (1 min) + Feedback (3 - 4 min) All 2023 Fellows pitch their Action Project idea to each other
15.00-15.30	Break
15.30-17.00	<b>Activism &amp; Mental Health</b> Katja Madsen
17.00-18.30	Free time: relax, explore, jump in the water
18.00-19.00	Dinner
19.00 -	Bonfire & Socializing

# June 16

Venue Ungdomsøen/ Youth Island



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#### YOUTH ISLAND: ACTION PROJECT TIME

Action Projects! The center of it all. Once we finish our on-site Fellowship, you should be well-equipped to begin working on your Action Project - inspired by our many speakers and conversations with your co-fellows. Today, Emilie Helene Holm (2020 Copenhagen Fellow) will get you off to a great start and provide you with concrete tools on how to go about your projects. In the afternoon, we will pack up and sail back to Copenhagen so you can enjoy a relaxing weekend before we enter another busy week filled with exciting talks, discussions, and events on Monday.

## DAY 10 notes

09.00-09.30	Breakfast
09.30-09.45	Clean-up after breakfast
09.45-10.00	Check-in
10.00-11.30	<b>Action Project Workshop #1</b> Emilie Helene Holm I Program Coordinator at International Media Support, 2020 Cph Fellow
11.30-12.30	Lunch (and pack & clean rooms)
12.30-14.00	Action Project Workshop #2 Emilie Helene Holm
14.00-14.40	Free time
14.50-15.20	<b>Youth Island - Nyhavn</b> Remember to be at the boat 10 min. before departure!

# Monday June 19

Venues Karens Minde & Cinemateket



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#### **DEMOCRACY & JUNETEENTH**

This day is in the name of democracy! You will learn about Danish democracy and the Danish welfare model as well as the back side of it. As you will learn, democracy can not be taken for granted and it demands continuous efforts if Human Rights are to be accessible for all.

In the evening, we will celebrate June 19 also known as *Juneteenth* - the annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the US. We are happy to invite you, our board, donors, friends, and the public to the Danish premiere of the Humanity in Action production: 'I, Too', followed by a conversation with renowned Historian Carol Anderson (live via Skype).

### DAY 11 notes

09.30-09.45	Arrival and Coffee
09.45-10.00	Check-in
10.00-12.00	Introduction to Danish Democracy and the Danish Welfare Model Clement Kjærsgaard I TV Anchor, Editor & Public Speaker
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.30	<b>The Back Side of the Danish Welfare State</b> Aydin Soëi I Sociologist and Author
14.30-14.45	Break
14.45-15.30	Group Discussion
15.30-18.45	Free time, grab dinner, go to Cinemateket
19.00-22.00	"I, Too", Filmscreening, Talk & Reception - OPEN EVENT! Carol Anderson interviewed by Steven L.B. Jensen

# Tuesday June 20 Karens Minde Room: Stuen på 1.

Venue



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#### **NEGOTIATING CLIMATE** AND FOSTERING HOPE

From a day in the name of democracy, we will look into how we can fight climate change with democratic tactics. Jens M. Clausen will explain how climate negotations take place within the UN, and what he has learned in his time at the UNFCC. Furthermore, he will suggest how you can push for change as an activist and/or as a civil servant.

Anders Bodin will help us understand the climate crisis and how we may respond to it with existential reflections on hope and hopelessness. As an engineer, he insists on the need for people within humanities to mitigate climate change.

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#### **AGENDA**

09.30-09.45	Arrival and Coffee
09.45-10.00	Check-in
10.00-12.00	Hope in a Time of Climate Crisis Anders Bodin   PhD, Author, Leader of The Climate Academy
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.30	International Climate Negotiations - Where Are We And What Have We Learned? Jens Mattias Clausen I EU Program Director and UNFCCC Focal Point at the Green Think Tank CONCITO
14.30-15.00	Break
15.00-16.00	Group Discussion and Reflection
16 00-16 15	Check out

# Wednesday June 21

Venue Karens Minde Room: Stuen på 1.



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#### **GENDER, CLIMATE & ECONOMY**

The climate crisis is deeply rooted in our economic system. Economist disagree whether the climate crisis is a market failure we must fix through carbon taxes or we need to transform our economic system altogether. Today, we will meet "Postive Money DK", who works to reform the bank and money system for a more just, democratic and sustainable economy.

Furthermore, Nina Axelsen will take us through a workshop on feminist economics and her perspectives on how this field interplays with the climate crisis.

### DAY 13 notes

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#### AGENDA

- 09.30-09.45 Arrival and Coffee
  09.45-10.00 Check-in
  10.00-12.00 How Can We Afford the Green Transition Jonas Jensen-Dharmaratne I Chairperson Gode Penge (Positive Money DK)
  12.00-13.00 Lunch
  13.00-16.00 Feminist Economy - A Careful Alternative Nina Axelsen I Program Coordinator, Humanity in Action DK
- 16.00-16.15 Break
- 16.15-16.30 Check out

# Thursday June 22 Karens Minde Room: Stuen på 1.

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#### **MOVEMENT BUILDING & ACTIVIST TACTICS**

How do you push for change and move people to act? In a workshop, you will learn to undertake leadership in democratic movements, crossing bridges and building communities of commitment.

In the afternoon, you can look forward to a panel debate with three young activists and hear about the very different tactics they employ to push for change.

- 09.30-09.45 **Arrival and Coffee**
- 09.45-10.00 Check-in
- Organize To Win! How to Harness the Power of 10.00-12.00 **Movement Building** Lise Lerche I Consultant Deltager Danmark
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- 13.00-14.30 **How To Do Activism** Manilla Ghafuri I Chair of Rapolitics Sophia Ø. Danker I Den Grønne Ungdomsbevægelse Oskar Kluge I Exstinction Rebellion Moderator: Clara Grunnet I Journalist at Zetland
- 14.30-14.45 Break
- **Group Discussion** 14.45-15.15
- Week evaluations & Check out 15.15-15.30

# Friday June 23

Venues Karens Minde Room: Loftet & Ungdommens Demokratihus



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#### MENTAL HEALTH X CLIMATE & SENIOR FELLOW ACTION DAY

It is easy to be overwhelmed in the face of climate change and social injustices. Today, we will learn how mental health intersects with climate change, and build inner as well as outer sustainability.

Our **Senior Fellow Action Day** will begin with a talk by Esther Kjeldahl on how utopias can help us build a new ecological consciousness. You will meet and network with Senior Fellows and enjoy a community dinner before heading out into the night and watching the bonfires of Sct. Hans.

## DAY 15 notes

09.30-09.45	Arrival and Coffee
09.45-10.00	Check-in
10.00-12.00	<b>Evaluation of the Fellowship so far</b> <i>Mette von Andics</i>
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-15.00	<b>Climate X Mental Health</b> Lone Fjorback I Associate Professor at Aarhus University I Director of Danish Centre of Mindfulness
15.00-16.30	Break and go to Ungdommens Demokratihus
17.00-18.00	A Just Future in Sight - Utopias for a New Ecological Consciousness' - OPEN EVENT Esther Kjeldahl I Climate Justice Activist & Writer
18.00-18.30	Networking with Senior Fellows
18.30-21.00	Community Dinner
21.00-	Sct. Hans Eve - Bonfire & Socializing

# Monday June 26

Venue University of Copenhagen Room: 8A-0-57



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#### THE RIGHT TO SCIENCE #1

Democracy and the right to science are critical in order to attend to in the climate change. As citizens, we need to have access to science to hold governments accountable. But we also need to make sure that populism does not obstruct scientific research that is necessary for managing the climate change crisis.

In the afternoon, we will look into Democracies in Crisis. All across the globe, we have witnessed a backlash against human rights and democracy. Marlene Wind will explain how populism undermines democracy, and what we can do to secure the values that demand continuous effort.

### DAY 16 notes

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#### AGENDA

- 9.45-10.00 Arrival and Coffee
- 10.00-10.15 Check-in
- **10.15-12.00** Science as a Cultural Human Right #1 Helle Porsdam I Professor of History and Cultural Rights and UNESCO Chair in Cultural Rights
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- **13.00-14.30 Democracies in Crises** Marlene Wind I Professor, Dep. of Political Science
- 14.30-14.45 Break
- 14.45-15.00 Check out

# **Tuesday** June 27 DTU- Skylab Room: Auditoriet

Venue



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#### LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Climate change has disproportionate effects - exacerbating existing injustices. In climate-related disasters, it has become evident that people with disabilities are at much greater risk. Sif Holst will explain the intersection of climate change and disability.

You will learn how you can design with empathy and create projects that are accessible to all. In a workshop with Marie Pollmann-Larsen, you will play with ability prompt cards and get a new set of glasses that will help you see and remove barriers that exclude people.

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#### AGENDA

- **Arrival and Coffee** 10.00-10.15
- 10.15-10.30 **Check-in**
- Leaving No One Behind A Disability Perspective on 10.30-12.00 **Climate Change** Sif Holst I Vice Chair, Disabled People's Organisation Denmark
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- 13.00-15.00 Leaving No One Behind - Is An Innovative Opportunity Marie Louise Pollman-Larsen I Chief Consultant, DTU Skylab
- 15.00-15.15 Break
- 15.15-15.30 **Check-out**

# Wednesday June 28

Venue University of Copenhagen Room: 8A-0-57



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#### THE RIGHT TO SCIENCE #2

Let's get back to your action projects! With yesterday's workshop in mind, try to design your action projects in ways that make them accessible to your target group.

After lunch, we will head out to the nature reserve Amager Fælled to practice mindfulness in nature.

Back at the university, we will dive deeper into the potential of the Right to Science through a multidisciplinary workshop.

### DAY18 notes

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#### AGENDA

09.30-09.45Arrival and Coffee09.45-10.00Check-in10.00-12.00Action Project Workshop #312.00-13.00Lunch13.00-14.30Trip to 'Amager Fælled' - A Nature Reserve in the City15.00-17.00Science as a Cultural Human Right #2<br/>Helle Porsdam: Professor of History and Cultural Rights17.30-21.00OPTIONAL: Reception & Tech Bazar at DTU Skylab
# Thursday June 29

Venues Ungdommens Demokratihus & Lerbjergaard



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#### WHAT DO WE VALUE & A FIELD TRIP

Whose and what kind of work is valued, paid, or compensated for? And in what ways does this impact the state of the planet today? With Emma Holten, we will discuss feminist economy and how it might help us build a more just and sustainable world.

Afterward, we will go to the Andelsgaarde - a cooperative that buys, rebuilds, and leases farms to cultivate the land regeneratively. Prepare to get your hands dirty, as you discover one of the many concrete ways to mitigate the climate and biodiversity crisis.

### DAY 19 notes

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#### AGENDA

- 10.00-10.15 Arrival and Coffee
- 10.15-10.30 Check-in
- 10.30-11.15Feminist Economy What Do We Value? OPEN TO<br/>SENIOR FELLOWS<br/>Emma Holten I Feminist Activist & Gender Policy Consultant<br/>Moderated by Benedikte Raft I Activist & Student
- **11.15-11.55** Grab your own lunch and go til the CPH Central Station Train to Melby departs at 12.03.
- **12.00-16.00** Field Trip to Lerbjerggaard (part of Andelsgaarde) Nanna & Christoffer I Regenerative farmers
- **16.00-20.00** Liseleje Strand If the weather is nice, we will grab some pizzas and enjoy the beautiful beach of Liseleje before heading back to Copenhagen!

# Friday June 30 Karens Minde Room: Stuen på 1.

Venue



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#### THE LAST FELLOWSHIP-DAY: **EVALUATIONS, KEY TAKE-AWAYS & FAREWELL DINNER**

As the fellowship is coming to an end, we will evaluate the program and reflect upon what we have learned. In a workshop, you will work to find and share key points, eye-openers, ahamoments, and take-home messages.

And of course - last but not least - we will end our Fellowship with a dinner and a party! Feel free to initiate activities making our last evening together memorable for years to come.

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#### **AGENDA**

11.00-11.15	Arrival and Coffee
11.15-11.30	Check-in
11.30-12.00	<b>Evaluations</b> Mikaela v. Freiesleben I National Director, Humanity in Action DK
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.30	<b>Workshop #1: What have we learned?</b> Katja Madsen I Program Manager, Humanity in Action DK
14.30-15.00	Break
15.00-17.00	Workshop #2: Bringing it into action! Katja Madsen I Program Manager, Humanity in Action DK
17.00-	Farewell Dinner & Party



DENMARK





## **2023 COPENHAGEN FELLOWS**



ALEN KUBAT (HE/HIM)

Alen Kubat is a 21-year-old from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and a final-vear student in International Relations and European Studies at the International Burch University. He is passionate about the environment and has a particular love for plants. Alen volunteers for Let's Do It, a project dedicated to cleaning up the environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Alen is also an active member of ESN Sarajevo, a studentled organization that helps international students integrate and provides opportunities for cultural exchange. Through his involvement in these organizations, Alen has developed leadership, communication, and cross-cultural skills, and gained a passion for making a positive impact in his community and beyond. He is committed to using his education, skills, and experiences to contribute to a better world, and is excited about the potential for media to play a transformative role in global affairs.



ANN VETTIKKAL (SHE/HER)

Ann Vettikkal is a rising junior at Columbia University majoring in history and concentrating on East Asian studies. At Columbia, she is the Leads Editor of The Eye, a long-form journalism publication, for which she writes and edits investigative pieces about and around Columbia. She is also a DJ and "In All Languages" Department Head at WKCR, Columbia's student-run radio station. where she programs music mainly in non-English languages like Indian Classical music but has also programmed hip hop, soul, and jazz. Ann is the founder of the "I Can Write a Story" Program, a nonprofit organization based in her hometown Cincinnati, Ohio with the mission to empower underserved students to express their voices and publish their stories. She also plays the Saraswati veena, a South Indian Classical instrument, writes creatively, and plays soccer.



ANNA KIKESHEVA (SHE/HER)

Anna Kikesheva is a socially engaged Ukrainian living and working in Germany. Anna has gained interdisciplinary working, educational, and volunteering experience in Ukraine, Germany, the Netherlands, and Canada. In Ukraine, she has been working with internallydisplaced children through AIESEC and other smaller local NGOs. In Germany, she worked in a local startup incubator and became a part of the start-up community at the Digital Tech Academy in Nuremberg. In the last few years, she actively volunteered and supported the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program with fundraising and research activities. She did an internship at the Parliament of Canada, representing Ukraine in the first months of the full-scale invasion. Currently, Anna is working in a tech consultancy, building a community of international workers there and supporting other inclusion topics. She is passionate about intersectionality and preventing the further radicalization of societies.



ANNE SOFIE LINDBJERG (SHE/HER)

Anne Sofie Lindberg Knudsen is pursuing a BSc of Science in Political Science at the University of Copenhagen while working at the Copenhagen-based research center Center for Applied Ecological Thinking and as a teaching assistant in International Relations. With a special interest in ecological and transformative thinking, she has dealt with climate change, conflict resolution, human rights issues, and civic engagement. As a part of the organization The People's Climate March in Copenhagen and as a board member of the Climate Movement in Denmark, Anne Sofie has gained indepth experience with organizing collective action and turning theoretical insights into practice. She is also curious as to how science fiction and storytelling can be a way of configuring and reconfiguring worlds inspired by the author Ursula K. Le Guin. As a Folk High School teacher, she has facilitated workshops on civic climate engagement, science fiction, and political theory.



DITTE BJERREGAARD (SHE/HER)

I am a Danish-born woman, feminist, and trained anthropologist. In 2019 I founded the NGO Center for the Analysis of Power Relations (Center for Magtanalyse, CMA) with the vision to end gender-based violence and prevent femicides in Denmark. On a daily basis, my work is theoretical and field-oriented as I work with victims of violence through support groups and with politicians to make new policies and innovative solutions to ending violence. Center for Magtanalyse is a non-profit organisation striving to prevent physical and psychological forms of violence by addressing societal problems such as sexism, racism, and homophobia. My team and I seek to expand our collective knowledge about violence through better education and research to actively prevent domestic violence and systemic violence.



FREYA KAHLEN (SHE/HER)

Freya Merethe Kahlen is a writer, student, and activist dedicated to advancing social justice, and minority protection, and promoting a sustainable future. Born and raised in Germany, Freya currently lives and studies in The Hague, where she is pursuing her BSc in Security Studies with a minor in HC Governance and Global Affairs. She is now preparing for a semester abroad in Uppsala, Sweden, expanding her knowledge in Gender, Culture, and Ethnicity studies. Apart from her academic career, Freya is also the Chair of the Financial Committee of the Study Association L.S.A. Custodia, where she is responsible for budgeting, quarterly reviews, and overseeing merchandise. She is a founding member of an LGBTQIA+ peer education initiative aimed at empowering and educating marginalized youths in her community and is involved in grassroots climate activism. Additionally, she writes and performs spoken word poetry, essays, and short stories.



#### GUSTAV HOLM (HE/HIM)

Gustav Hertz Holm is a 23-year-old Danish activist. He studies political science at the University of Copenhagen and spends a lot of time as a climate activist in the Green Youth Movement, where he's currently working with solidarity and anti-discrimination in the climate movement and also works with biodiversity about the soon to be discussed "law of nature" in Denmark. He also volunteers as the leader of a folk high school for children. He's working at the nonprofit NGO ReDI School of Digital Integration as a student assistant. The NGO helps migrant women into the Danish job market through free courses and workshops.



#### HIDEKO MITANI (SHE/HER)

Hideko Mitani Shen is a second-year student at Shanghai New York University, pursuing a Self-Designed Major with a track in International Relations and Environmental Studies. She was born and raised in Santiago, Chile, by a Chinese mother and a Japanese father, cultivating her passion for exploring the intersection between global affairs, climate change, human rights and democracy. Hideko is currently working on a research project investigating the environmental social issues that arise from Chile's lithium mining industry, product of China's increasing demand and the potential global solutions to address these issues.



#### ISA ZUHRIĆ (HE/HIM)

Isa Zuhrić is a Bosnian-Herzegovinian Chemistry student at the University of Sarajevo Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. As of 2023, he has joined the HIA Bosnia and Herzegovina office. He is actively involved in different youth events, such as the Model UN, the European Youth Parliament, and others, both as an organizer and participant. He spent two years studying in the United Kingdom and getting engaged in well-being programs such as Combined Cadet Force, and various other activities. He has recently taken up the challenge of the fight for human rights and social justice. As a strong believer in the Renaissance concept of l'uomo universale, he believes that he can bridge the gap between natural and social sciences.



JOHANNA FUCHS (SHE/HER)

Johanna Fuchs is a Berlin-based political scientist and educator in the fields of discrimination and inequality, with a special focus on the intersection of the patriarchy, colonial pasts and presents, and capitalism. She is pursuing a master's degree in "Gender, Intersectionality and Politics" and working on her thesis, which examines care practices within activist groups. Johanna is deeply interested in the topics of care and joy in activist spaces, especially in the face of the multiple crises we are currently experiencing. She strongly believes that transformation towards social justice and more livable futures is achieved not only through institutional changes on a macro level but also through shifting the ways we relate to one another. Her work is driven by the idea that promoting care, empathy, and understanding among individuals can create positive ripple effects that contribute to broader societal change.



KALLE TOSTRUP (HE/HIM)

Kalle Tostrup is a swedish student born and raised in Malmö, Sweden. With experience working within the Swedish public school system, he sets his aim to teach both children and adults how to listen to and respect one another. Kalle emphasizes the importance of learning about and accepting someone else's background to get a deeper understanding of each other in social contexts. He's been studying political science and social anthropology with the ambition to work with people and make a change in the future. When Kalle isn't studying he spends much of his time running, making music with his band, or hanging out with his friends.



KATIE SUE PASCAVIS (SHE/HER)

Katie studied Mechanical Engineering and Global Health with a minor in Sustainability at Arizona State University. As a Goldwater and Udall Scholar, she split her time between the Luminosity Lab and the NEWT Engineering Research Center, working on projects ranging from UV water treatment to sustainable sterilization. Proud to be a fifthgeneration 4-H member, she serves as a Global 4-H Youth Representative. Through organizations such as Engineer Without Borders, she recognized the gender inequalities worsened by water insecurity and climate change. She is passionate about environmental justice within the water and sanitation sector and will pursue an MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development at the University of Cambridge as a Marshall Scholar. After hours, she can be found ballroom dancing, cooking, or playing with her dogs.



KATRINE HUMMELSHØJ (SHE/HER)

Katrine Hummelshøj grew up on a farm in Jutland and is currently living in Copenhagen studying for her bachelor's degree in Anthropology. Last fall she did an internship in Athens with an NGO working for refugees, investigating sports and integration. Academically she is concerned with global (dis)connections, gender, and in particular with structural violence against refugees and migrants in Europe. She has a big desire to meet people and live in different places to improve her understanding of the world and all the reasons that determine it. She advocates for change in multiple ways and puts a big effort into understanding where people come from as well as challenging normativity by bringing in critical, intersectional perspectives.



#### LAURA BALLE SVENDSEN (SHE/HER)

Laura Balle Svendsen is a Denmarkbased development professional with a strong anchor and interest in civil society. Currently, Laura works to promote gender equality, equal access to health, climate adaptation, and resilience as well as strengthen grassroots civil society across the world. She works as an international Program manager on climate resilience projects in East Africa and volunteers for Doctors Without Borders to increase awareness about global humanitarian and development challenges in her hometown, Aarhus. Laura has previously lived in several counties incl. Sierra Leone, the United States, Kenya, and Bangladesh whilst working for civil society organisations such as

DanChurchAid, Dreamtown, and Amnesty International. She has a background in political science from the University of Copenhagen, specialising in international political economy, from where she graduated in 2022.



MAHMOUD MOHAMAD MANSOUR (HE/HIM)

Mahmoud Mansour is a Danish-Palestinian 23-year-old activist, living in Copenhagen. He is currently studying law at the University of Copenhagen while also working in the psychiatric sector. Previously, he has been an activist for the Social Liberal Youth Party in Denmark, interfering in public debate, and has written several Opinions in National Newspapers. As an ambassador, he had an active role in Red Cross' yearly charity fundraising, collecting money for refugees Worldwide. He has a big interest in human rights, minorities rights, The Middle East, integration, and the Rule of Law. He is passionate about traveling and exploring new cultures and he has visited more than 40 countries. In his free time, he likes to go to the gym, meditate and get his weekly all-youcan-eat sushi at the local sushi bar. He hates following recipes and prefers to experiment in the kitchen.



NIELS BAK JENSEN (HE/HIM)

Niels Bak is a recent alumna from Kaospilot, Denmark, where he received a diploma in leadership within the fields of process, project and business design. His projects spanned from conscious consumerism and big data, over blockchain in business and political campaigning to working with the well-being of students in a postpandemic world. His final project was the foundation for a thinktank for minorities, exploring the crosssections between several intersectionalities, using his privilege as a lens to circumnavigate the spectrum of interconnected issues that different minorities represent. His professional background is a tapestry of NGO management positions, within the fields of refugees, anti-terror, conflict resolution, psycho-social support, vulnerable youth and mentoring programs, often with a fundraising, awareness or direct approach. In his free time, Niels manages the Social Sailing Foundation, enjoys working out, plays dungeons & dragons and loves 1920s Bauhaus lamps.



PAULINA SOBCZAK (SHE/HER)

Paulina Sobczak is a documentary filmmaker, graphic designer, and photographer. She was born in Poland, where she received her bachelor's degree in graphic design and multimedia. After moving to the United States, she graduated with a master's in journalism with a specialization in documentary film at the University of Arkansas and worked as a Television Producer for Arkansas PBS. Her key interests focus on social and environmental issues. Paulina is contributing her video and graphic design skills to non-profit organizations focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion, human rights, and international students. She also served as a Director of Media and **Communications for Nashville** Women in Film and Television. Through nonfiction storytelling, Paulina combines her passion for art and advocacy. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering, traveling, and reading scientific-based articles and books.



RIKKE BANK (SHE/HER)

Rikke Bank holds a bachelor's degree in Art History from the University of Copenhagen and is a Danish art historian, writer, and curator. She works with a refined sensibility focused on how art mediation and curating as powerful tools to make societies more socially sustainable and regenerative. Last summer marked her entry points in the International Curatorial Program at NODE Center for Curatorial Studies and the Arts Writers Program at Kunsten.nu. She is a co-founder of the exhibition platform Along Projects and a co-curator of the exhibition 'Pride Art - A Part of Us', which is on view at Nytorv during the yearly human rights festival Copenhagen Pride Week 2023. Bank has previously taken part in several magazines (as an art editor for VINKkbh and a film editor at SEIN) and worked as a student assistant at several contemporary art institutions in Denmark (O-Overgaden, The Museum of Contemporary Art, and Sophienholm).



SAMANTHA SKORY (SHE/HER)

Originally from El Paso, Samantha Skory has been an invaluable San Antonian for the last decade. After graduating with a Psychology and Communication degree, she continued pursuing her education and received her Master's degree in International Relations. She has been working in the International Relations field focusing her efforts on global community building, shared culture and history, and important discussions on topics such as human trafficking, climate change, and economic disparity. In addition to international relations, she has also worked as a graphic designer for various marketing offices and event planning organizations for the last decade and has a very good eye for design. Samantha is very interested in international politics, history, and especially the Cold War. She is focused on understanding the nuances of housing policy and revitalization/gentrification efforts. Samantha enjoys traveling and is counting down the days until her next adventure as a Humanity in Action fellow.



TAYLOR BAKOTIC (SHE/HER)

Tayler Bakotic is a Bolivian-American student, musician, and writer who is currently finishing up her senior year at New York University. She is double majoring in English and Philosophy with minors in Creative Writing and Religion. Her writing and music primarily explore themes of identity, gender relations, and body horror. As a survivor of domestic and genderbased violence, she has made it her life's mission to empower others impacted by the same. She is currently researching how horror films conceive of 'feminine rage', the oxymoronic pairing of words that she aims to deconstruct and then redefine altogether.



VICTORIA KULESZA (SHE/HER)

Victoria Kulesza is a project manager and researcher in international development from Detroit, MI, USA. As the daughter of asylum-seekers from Soviet-occupied Poland, Victoria is a passionate advocate for the social protection and well-being of all migrants. She is an alumni of Michigan State University as well as a Master of International Business graduate from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy where she studied business for social impact and global political economy, with a research focus on asylum seekers and labor migration. Her regional expertise is rooted in Latin America & the Caribbean as well as Eastern Europe & Eurasia.

Victoria works under Abt Associates' International Development division on projects focused on social health protection, gender, and social inclusion, as well as dignified livelihoods. Additionally, she serves as Labor and Skilling Specialist for the UN Migration Youth and Children Platform (MYCP) as part of the Integration and Protection team.



VIRGINIA SUN (SHE/HER)

Virginia Sun is an international development policymaker and aspiring urbanist. She most recently worked as an economic analyst on Caribbean policy at the U.S. Treasury Department. Virginia hopes to design inclusive, democratic urban planning in emerging markets. She graduated from the University of Richmond with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and a minor in Luso-Brazilian studies. Her research, conducted with University of Richmond funding and as part of a NASA/USAID grant, focused on Latin America, post-colonialism, and urban design. Virginia has also previously served as a Bundestag/U.S. State Department Youth Ambassador in Berlin, a Boren Scholar for the study of advanced Kiswahili, and an interfaith pilgrimage scholar to Spain and Israel/Palestine.



WILLIAM CLARK (HE/HIM)

Will Clark is a rising senior at Northwestern University junior, where he studies history, journalism, and French. At Northwestern, he has worked as a reporter and editor at the Daily Northwestern, writing articles and producing podcasts about activism and various social issues on campus and in the broader community. He's also worked as a research assistant at Northwestern's Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health, working on one of the nation's largest HIV/AIDS research projects, which explored the relationships between race, class, gender, and sexual identity, and HIV rates in Chicago. Throughout his past academic and internship experiences, Will has focused on issues of queer rights, international justice, and the environment. He hopes to continue exploring these issues in a future career in human rights research. In his free time, Will enjoys reading, traveling, and exploring a wide range of music genres.

# **2023 COPENHAGEN STAFF**

The 2023 Copenhagen Fellowship Program is organised and facilitated by the Humanity in Action Denmark staff consisting of **Mikaela v. Freiesleben**, National Director, **Katja Buch Madsen**, Program Manager, **Nina Axelsen**, Program Coordinator, **Miranda Lesmann Alling** and **Ellen Selroos**, Program Assistants. The five of us will be present throughout the program and will always be available to assist you with anything related to the program.



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Mikaela v. Freiesleben (she/her), Ph.D., is the Humanity in Action Denmark's National Director. She has a Master's Degree in Sociology of **Religion and Minority Studies from** the University of Copenhagen. Her Ph.D., from the Centre for Advanced Migration Studies, University of Copenhagen, analyses discourses of "parallel societies", "ghettoisation" and "social cohesion" in past and present Danish political debate. Mikaela has previously been employed at the University of Copenhagen teaching courses at the **Minority Studies Section in** "Minortiies in the Nordic Countries" and "Racism: Theory and Cases". Prior to that Mikaela has worked as a job counsellor along side volunteering for the Danish Refugee Council.



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Ellen Selroos is studying her bachelor's in Political Science at Uppsala University in Sweden. She is currently in Copenhagen at the Humanity in Action office as part of her final semester. Her academic interests revolve around the relationship between democracy and gender equality and how they shape political institutions and decisionmaking. These subject matters were deepened in her bachelor's thesis on Nordic right-wing parties' exploitation of gender equality as a maneuver to justify anti-immigration agendas. Besides volunteering in the marketing department at her student association, Ellen also spent an exchange semester abroad at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome studying political science and international relations.

We're looking forward to getting to know you all and spending this month with you!



DENMARK

# >> 2023 CPH **FELLOWSHIP SPEAKERS**



### **2023 COPENHAGEN SPEAKERS**



ANDERS HOLST BODIN PhD , Author & Leader of The Climate Academy

Anders Holst Bodin (he/him) is the leader and co-founder of The Climate Academy (Klimaakademiet). He works with leaders and changemakers to cultivate skills, mindsets, and communities for climate action. After finishing his ph.d. in physics and sustainable energy technologies in 2017, he has worked to develop a more holistic approach to climate action, integrating transformations in systems, cultures, subjectivities, and behaviors. In 2019 he published his first book 'The Roots of the Climate Crisis' (Klimakrisens Rødder), which connects philosophical, political, and scientific perspectives to develop visions for a more sustainable future. In 2020 he cofounded The Climate Academy, which he leads today. The Climate Academy develops workshops, courses and public speaking in order to empower people who wish to contribute to deeper climate action. He collaborates with e.g. University of Copenhagen and several Danish municipalities.



AYDIN SOEI Sociologist & Author

Aydin Soëi (he/him) has a Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Southern Denmark, specializing in society's vulnerable youngsters, citizenship, social mobility, and risk factors about criminality and youth. Having authored several books about this topic, Aydin is very prevalent in the public debates about socially deprived areas, immigration, radicalization, racialisation, and integration. Aydin's latest book "Fædre" (Fathers) from 2020, is a book with conversations and reflections from five fathers with immigrant or refugee backgrounds in Denmark on becoming fathers themselves and dealing with their own fathers. Alongside his books, Aydin has produced several studies regarding behavior, school culture, and social exaggerations regarding youngsters in stigmatized areas. In 2022 he won the vote as Copenhagener of the Year for his work and contribution to the public debate.



#### CAROL ANDERSON American Historian & Atuhor

Carol Anderson (she/her) is the Charles Howard Candler Professor of African American Studies at Emory University and author of "White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide", a New York Times Bestseller, Washington Post Notable Book of 2016, and a National Book Critics Circle Award winner. She is also the author of "Eyes Off the Prize: The United Nations and the African American Struggle for Human Rights, 1944-1955"; "Bourgeois Radicals: The NAACP and the Struggle for Colonial Liberation, 1941-1960", and "One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying Our Democracy", which was long-listed for the National Book Award and a finalist for the PEN/Galbraith Award in non-fiction.



#### CLARA GRUNNET Journalist Zetland

Clara Ræbild Grunnet (she/her) holds a BA in International Economics and Politics from Copenhagen Business School, an MSc in Human Ecology from Lund University, and a MA in Global Thought from Columbia University. Clara is a journalist at Zetland. She is interested in stories that cross borders. Particularly, on the intersection between climate justice and social justice. Previously she worked for the Danish Refugee Council and the Danish Institute of Human Rights.



CLEMENT B. KJERSGAARD TV Anchor, Editor & Public Speaker

At the age of 16, Clement Behrendt (he/him) Kjersgaard enrolled at the United World College of Hong Kong, from which he graduated in 1994. Clement holds an MA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from the University of Oxford. In 2002 Clement founded the news magazine RÆSON, which he still publishes. Since 2004 presenter for DR on a variety of TV programmes (including "Debatten" since 2010 and most recently e.g. "Clement Kalder Jorden" (2020-21)) and various specials, also editor and scriptwriter. Named by the journal Journalisten as Denmark's most powerful journalist (2011), recipient of the Publicist Award (2011), winner of three TV Awards (2004, 2007 and 2011) and recipient of the Berlingskes Journalist Award of DKK 100,000 (2013). In 2012 he founded the Knowledge Festival, which he still directs and in 2021 he launched the magazine ÆRA, which received 6 out of 6 hearts in Politiken.



EDEL 'LULLI' BUNDGÅRD JENSEN Retired Librarian, DTU

At the age of 8, Edel 'Lulli' Bundgård Jensen fled Nazi persecution in Denmark, first in hiding in Denmark and then to Sweden. Before her retirement she worked for many years as a librarian at DTU.



EMILIE HELENE HOLM Programme Coordinator | International Media Support 2020 Cph Fellow

Emilie Helene Holm (she/her) is a political anthropologist from the University of Copenhagen and is currently the Program Coordinator at the Department for Eastern Europe and Global Response at International Media Support, a global nonprofit media development organization. Her professional area of interest concerns human rights particularly international migration, climate action, gender equality, and antidiscrimination. She has worked in the cross-section of these fields at respectively the Consulate General of Denmark in New York, the Danish Cultural Institute, the Danish Refugee Council Youth, and the Think Tank Monday Morning, Lastly, Emilie works as a journalist, primarily producing podcasts here among a documentary focusing on the Danish law 'the ghetto package'.



EMMA HOLTEN Feminist Activist & Gender Policy Consultant

In 2014 Emma Holten (she/her) created the project CONSENT about her own experience with digital sexual violence. Since then, she has worked on an array of subjects. Among them power in the workplace and feminism in art and literature. Since 2019 her primary focus has been feminist economics.

Emma has delivered keynotes at the Conference on the status of Women at the UN, New York, The Next Web, Amsterdam, TEDxVienna (2015), Moving Forward with #Metoo, Reykjavik, and Point Festival, Sarajevo among many others. Emma has also developed diversity and justice strategies for a wide range of companies, as well as consulted on feminist economics for Space10 and Re: Arc Foundation among others. She sits on DJØF's Gender Equality Committee, is a founding board member at Digitalt Ansvar, and is a board member at the Georg Brandes Society and ExitCirklen. She is on the European Institute of Gender Equality Experts Forum as an expert in feminist economics. In 2011, she received her Bachelor's degree in Comparative Literature, and in 2017 her Master's in Modern Culture, both from The University of Copenhagen, with exchanges at Columbia and Uppsala Universities. She lives in Copenhagen.



EMMA KLOSE GORODKIN Filmmaker, Storyteller & Artist

Emma Klose Gorodkin (she/her) is an artist with a particular focus on Jewish history, culture, and life. As well as growing up multiculturally and building bridges across minorities. Emma expresses herself through film, photography, writing, and painting. Emma is the director and producer behind the film - "A Jewish Woman's Story" – (now part of the Danish Jewish Museum educational program). Emma also works with 'teaching' and gives presentations through the Jewish Information Center in Copenhagen, since 2021. She is also the initiator of this year's art bazaar and art talk at the Jewish Cultural Festival in Copenhagen. Emma has a diploma from European Film College - 2017) and New York Film Academy (8 weeks - Screenwriting - 2018).



ESTHER KJELDAHL Climate Justice Activist & Writer

Esther Michelsen Kjeldahl (she/her) holds an MSc in Philosophy and Public Policy from the London School of Econo-mics and a Master in Philosophy from the University of Copenhagen. In 2018, she cofounded the Danish youth-led grassroots organization The Green Youth Movement (Den Grønne Ungdomsbevægelse). She is the author of 'Vi er sammen om at mærke det' (2020), a book that helps readers find their role in the climate justice movement as well as a political analysis of the deeper societal, philosophical, and economic roots of the climate crisis. In 2023, she cowrote the book 'Retfærdig naturbevarelse: et manifest', which is a holistic, utopian vision for a near future that protects biodiversity in a just way. She has written extensively on the subject of emotions related to ecological crises. In 2021, she participated in Phie Ambo's documentary '70/30' which documents 1.5 years of activism and political work towards the Danish climate law that was passed in December 2020.



HELLE PORSDAM Professor of History & Cultural Rights | University of Copenhagen | UNESCO Chair in Cultural Rights HIA DK Board Member

Helle Porsdam (she/her) is a Professor of History and Cultural **Rights and UNESCO Chair of Cultural** Rights at the University of Copenhagen. She did her Ph.D. in American Studies at Yale University, has headed several research projects, and has taught on the Humanity in Action summer Fellowship several times. Helle has written extensively on cultural human rights, especially the right to science. Most recently, her co-edited volume 'The Right to Science: Then and Now', was published by Cambridge University Press in 2021, and her monograph, 'Science as a Cultural Human Right' was published in the University of Pennsylvania Press Studies in Human Rights Studies in 2022.



JENS HESSELBJERG CHRISTENSEN Professor of Climate Physics

Jens Hesselbjerg Christensen (he/him) is a Professor of Climate Physics in the Department of Ice, Climate, and Geophysics (PICE) at the Niels Bohr Institute at the University of Copenhagen. He researches anthropogenic climate change and as former head of research at the Danish Meteorological Institute, DMI, he has for several years led initiatives aimed at providing relevant and robust climate information on a regional scale. Jens has been involved in putting climate change on the political agenda, e.g. as a long-standing member of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) where he has been the main author of several of the panel's major reports. For this, he holds a share in the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. He has contributed to more than 150 scientific articles and books and through his research he has led national and international initiatives on climate change.



#### JENS MATTIAS CLAUSEN EU Program Director | CONCITO

Jens Mattias Clausen (he/him) is the EU Prog-ram Director and UNFCCC focal point at the green think tank CONCITO, based in Copenhagen. Jens has been active in the international climate space for more than a decade, follo-wing the UN negotiations closely since COP15 in 2009, and attended every COP since then apart from one. Jens was initially involved in the ne-gotiations from a civil society per-spective, including as the Head of the **Delegation of Greenpeace Inter**national at COP23 and COP24. Then he workED as a senior strategic advisor to Climate Minister Dan Jørgensen with a specific focus on Danish strategy and approach for COP25 and COP26. At the end of 2021, he left the government and joined CONCITO where he still closely follows the international climate negotiations.



JONAS JENSEN-DHARMARATNE Chairperson Gode Penge (Positive Money DK)

Jonas Jensen-Dharmaratne (he/him) is the chairperson of the NGO "Gode Penge", in English Positive Money. Writing his master's thesis on Money Creation he and his organisations strive to create a financial- and monetary system that promotes equality, democracy, transparency, and stability. This includes making a financial system that acknowledges our planetary boundaries and realises the haste in which we need to change our mode of production and material use.



LISE LERCHE Consultant | DeltagerDanmark

Lise Lerche (she/her) works with climate action at the nonprofit commercial fund DeltagerDanmark. She has a strong interest in understanding how the tools from social movement building and community organizing can be used for the benefit of urgent and ambitious climate action. These tools have recently been used for the National Climate Action Day where more than 10,000 Danish citizens participated in local climate actions where they live and work. At DeltagerDanmark, Lise's work is driven by the desire to understand what makes climate action resonate with a growing number of citizens in their everyday lives and local

communities, and Lise has had a key role in developing the segmentation analysis of citizens' core beliefs and attitudes towards climate action. Lise has worked with many organizations aiming to increase participation and influence by members and citizens such as the Danish Federation of Non-Profit Housing Providers, the Danish Refugee Council Youth and Danish municipalities.



#### LONE FJORBACK Psychiatrist | Leader of Danish Centre of Mindfulness

Lone Overby Fjorback (she/her), PhD, MD psychiatrist is an associate professor of medicine. She is the founder and director of the Danish Center for Mindfulness, at Aarhus University. As a mindfulness teacher, researcher, and psychiatrist, she has worked with patients suffering from chronic stress, pain, fatigue, anxiety, PTSD, and depression. In addition to her research and teaching, Lone has increasingly invested her work in trying to make mindfulness-based programmes available to more people. She is especially engaged in making sure that evidence-based programmes become available to people with low economic means and to people with different cultural, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds. Lone has initiated the Climate Club - a community training inner and outer sustainability through awareness, mindfulness, and dialogue.



MANILLA GHAFURI Chair of Rapolitics

Manilla Ghafuri (she/her) is the chair of Rapolitics - an organization that focuses on Human Rights through rap and hip hop. Rapolitics works to strengthen the courage of young people and let them know that their voices are just as valuable as the person on the other side of the block. Manila is also the co-founder of the Afghan Network and Resources. As a former refugee, Manilla has experienced fleeing on her own body. In 2022 she won the Human Rights Prize, awarded by the Danish Institute for Human Rights for her work fighting discrimination against ethnic minorities in Denmark. Since 2015 she has influenced the public debate through activism, storytelling, poetry, podcast and events.



MARIE LOUISE POLLMAN-LARSEN Chief Consultant | DTU Skylab

Marie Louise Pollmann-Larsen (she/her) is the Chief Consultant at DTU Skylab - the interdisciplinary hub for technology-based innovation & entrepreneurship at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). She is heading 'Technology Leaving no one Behind - an ambitious partnership that provides opportunities and support to make inclusion a natural part of

engineering new sustainable solutions. Marie has also led the design and management of 'Next Generation' - a global initiative engaging university students and early-stage entrepreneurs from Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Denmark to bring their perspectives and innovations to international congresses. Marie is using her entrepreneurial mindset and passion for impact, to develop new formats that invite university students and early-stage entrepreneurs to be involved in sustainability projects with public and private stakeholders during their education - focusing on co-creating innovations. She leverages her 15 years of experience as a design engineer in Africa and Asia, designing everything from refugee tents for tropical areas, to entrepreneurship programs on safe street food in Kolkata, to leading large-scale health programmes in South Sudan as Country Director of an international NGO.



MARLENE WIND PhD, Professor | Department of Political Science | University of Copenhagen

Marlene Wind (she/her) is a professor and leader of the Centre for European Politics and a Professor at iCourts a Centre of Excellence at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen. Wind has for several years studied and published books and articles on the interplay between law and politics in the European Union. In recent years she has focused on democratic backsliding in already established democracies. Why and how does it happen in practice? She has in her book The Tribalization of Europe (Polity 2020) shown how the breakdown of democracy takes place at a very concrete level through the law in countries like Poland and Hungary but has also in an article from 2022 in Democratization researched how difficult it is to measure democratic backsliding because different monitoring institutions see democracy differently. Wind has also focused on the more philosophical aspects of demo-cratic decay for instance the balance between courts and parliaments and how the protection of the individual against the state became a cornerstone in the democratic development in Europe after the Second World War. Interestingly however not in Northern Europe where it is still 'politics' and the Parliament which is considered the only legitimate body to protect the citizen.



METTE VON ANDICS Certified ISTDP & NLP Coach | Founder & CEO | Stay Present

Mette von Andics (she/her) is a trained and certified ISTDP Coach, NLP master, MBSR -mindfulness instructor, and personal trainer. Mette has worked with empowering people and organizations for the past 10 years. She has lived abroad for more than 10 years which has given her experience working with people from different backgrounds and cultures. Her passion and motivation are helping people, groups, and organizations in creating positive long-lasting changes. Mette believes in an integrated approach meaning that she works with both the mental and physical aspects of the human mind and body.



MORTEN KJÆRUM Director | Raoul Wallenberg Institute HIA DK Board Member

Morten Kjærum (he/him) is the Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and an adjunct Professor at Aalborg University. He currently serves as Chair of The Board of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) as well as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights and of the Universal Periodic Review Trust Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance. Morten was the first Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and was the founding director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights. He has also been the director of the Danish Refugee Council. Morten has been a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as well as Chair of the Network of Directors of EU Agencies and Chair of the International Coordinating Committee for National Human **Rights Institutions. He has published** extensively on a variety of human rights issues and in particular on topics related to refugee protection and inclusion.



MORTEN SVENDSTORP Public Affairs Lead | Novo Nordisk *HIA DK Chair* 2005 Cph Fellow

Morten Svendstorp is the Chair of Humanity in Action Denmark and a Senior Fellow from the 2005 Copenhagen Program. He is a seasoned political analyst with experience in Danish and International politics, including climate, energy, the environment, and geopolitics. Morten is currently serving as Public Affairs Lead for Novo Nordisk, advising on the politics of the green transition and energy issues. Prior to that Morten worked in a wide array of jobs in the Danish legislative and executive branches, including as a Strategic Advisor to the Danish Minister for Climate, Energy, and Utilities and as team leader of the Ministry's Energy Governance Program, overseeing Denmark's bilateral energy cooperation with the US, the UK, South Korea, Germany, and the Netherlands. Morten has also served as the Senior Advisor on climate, energy and the environment at the Danish Embassy in Washington and a political advisor to the Danish Socialdemocratic Party in the Danish Parliament for five years. He has also worked at the United Nations, NGOs and the German Parliament as well as a stint in journalism. Morten received his B.A. in International **Development Studies from Roskilde** University in Denmark and hold a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University in New York,



#### NANNA & CHRISTOPHER Managers | Lerbjergaatd

Lerbjerggård is managed by Nanna and Christopher, both graduates from Kalø Økologisk Landbrugsskole. Nanna and Christopher are in charge of the farm's organic vegetable production, which provides more than 40 different types of vegetables and many more sorts. The crops are sown continuously, so there is a wide variety of freshly harvested vegetables throughout the season. In addition to vegetables, cut flowers are grown and forest farming has been established with around 500 trees and shrubs. As a principle, Nanna and Christopher strive to keep the soil continually covered either with live plant roots or with other organic material to stimulate a living soil. Therefore, all vegetable beds are, as far as possible, sown with catch crops or covered with e.g. straw after harvest, so that they remain covered throughout the winter. The vegetable beds are also permanent and are cultivated with minimal tillage. The ambition is to build up the interaction between the living roots of the plants and a diverse population of organisms underground as well as above ground. Together they contribute to the storage of atmospheric carbon in the soil, and over time will build up the life, fertility, and biodiversity of the farm.



#### **OSKAR KLUGE** Mobilisation and Media | Extinction Rebellion Denmark

Oskar Kluge (he/him) is active in the civil disobedient part of the climate justice movement. He has been engaged in various groups such as Fridays for Future, high school climate groups, Letzte Generation, and others. Recently he hast spend most of his time with Extinction Rebellion Denmark. Oskar firmly believes that if we want to avoid the worst climate disasters we need to build people power and get good at organizing ourselves.



**SIF HOLST** Vice chair | the Danish Disability Association

Sif Holst (she/her) is a disability rights advocate for the past 20 years, serving on a large number of boards and committees including vice-chair of Disabled People's Organisations Denmark, vice-chair of Knowledge Center about Disability, and board member of the Danish Institute for Human Rights. She has a proven track record of achieving success through cooperation with states and civil society on subjects such as equal health, universal design, independent living, inclusive education, and the labour market. Sif has extensive international experience. From being an exchange student in Indonesia,

undertaking development work in Ghana and Uganda to being a member of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Nordic Disability Council.



SOPHIA ØSTERGAARD DANKER Climate Activist & Program Coordinator

Sophia Ø. Danker (she/her) is an activist at The Green Youth Movement and works at the World Climate Foundation. She has a BA in Natural Ressources with a focus on Nature Management. She is passionate about driving positive change and being a part of the green transformation of society and business as usual. Always looking for new and creative ways to address environmental problems. Currently building expertise and developing my skills in the naturaland social sciences at UCPH and previously at Wageningen University and Research. The solutions to environmental degradation and climate change are complex and multidisciplinary, therefore I have chosen a degree that combines policy, economics, and natural sciences.



STEVEN L.B JENSEN Senior Researcher | The Danish Institute for Human Rights HIA DK Vice-Chair

Steven L. B. Jensen is Senior Researcher at The Danish Institute for Human Rights. He holds a Ph.D. in History. Before joining The Danish Institute for Human Rights, he held positions with UNAIDS based in Geneva and The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has worked with global health and human rights over two decades and also on international human rights diplomacy. His publications include the multiple prize-winning book The Making of International Human Rights. The 1960s, Decolonization and the Reconstruction of Global Values (CUP 2016), and the co-edited anthology Histories of Global Inequality: New Perspectives (Palgrave 2019). His forthcoming book Social Rights and the Politics of Obligation in History (co-edited with Charles Walton) will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2022. He has previously published books on Genocide (2003) and on Denmark and the Holocaust (2003) and was the editor of the first Danish language introduction to the field of Genocide studies (2000). He is a regular contributor to Open Global Rights and the South African newspaper Daily Maverick.



ULLA GADE BISGAARD Project Lead EuroTeQ | The Danish Technical University - DTU

Ulla Gade Bisgaard (she/her) is trained as a sociologist and holds a double MA in International Relations and French. Previously she has worked with Unicef, then as the **Director of Humanity in Action** Denmark (and currently on the Board of Representatives at HIA DK. Ulla worked to establish the center-left think tank Cevea, at The Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy (DIPD) and the Danish Youth Council before becoming a project manager for EU projects in the field of higher education. She is currently a Project Lead at DTU for a University Alliance called Euro-TeQ. Ulla is devoted to women's rights and gender equality since her student days and is working voluntarily in the field for 20 years. She has served as board member of a number of NGOs such as Safe & Alive, DareGender, and currently Projekt Q-Værk, which offers catchup programs for battered women and their children. Ulla is often involved in the HIA Denmark program, either as a host, with fundraising, or with identifying speakers and developing new dimensions.



VASNA RAMASAR Senior Lecturer in Human Ecology

Vasna Ramasar (she/her) is a Senior Lecturer in Human Ecology and a Research Fellow in Sustainability Science at the Lund University in

Sweden. She was born and raised in South Africa, where she learned important lessons about freedoms, people's roles in nature, and about inequality. Vasna is interested in how people and planetary dynamics come together and the complexity of these interactions from a decolonial and feminist perspective. As a member of Collective Against Environmental Racism, she explores the connections between climate and racism. Through her scholaractivism, she is also involved in the Global Tapestry of Alternatives, Women against destructive extractivism in Africa, Post Extractive Futures, and several climate justice initiatives.



BENEDIKTE MØLLEGAARD RAFT Activist & Student

Benedikte (Benna) Raft (she/her) is a political science graduate student and activist working with the intersections between intersectional feminism, migration, and climate change. She so the former treasurer of the harm reduction NGO The Red Van working with street-based sex workers in Copenhagen. Last year she lived in the Dominican Republic, working with undocumented migrants and stateless peoples' rights. At the moment, Benna is based in Copenhagen, specializing in climate governance and migration, works as a student assistant at the international department for the Danish Red Cross, and teaches a critical course on Human Rights at the folk high school Krogerup.



# >> AFTER THE FELLOWSHIP The Fellowship Journey



# THE FELLOWSHIP JOURNEY A lifelong engagement

### Being a Humanity in Action Fellow

The Humanity in Action Fellowship may only last for a month, but an engagement in Humanity in Action lasts for much longer.

After the in-person Fellowship we will continue with the Action Project Lab series in the fall/winter of 2023 and 2024. **These workshops are created for you** - to help you plan for your Action Project, and realize your visions for social change!

During and/or after the lab series it's *your* time to develop *your* own personal Action Project!

The Humanity In Action Fellowship and your Action Project will be your entryway into a global network of people dedicated to promoting human rights, diversity, and active citizenship around the world, and there are many ways to engage in this network. The fig. to the right shows each Fellow's progression through Humanity in Action, starting with the Fellowship, the Action Project Lab series, the planning and execution of the Action Project, and the Senior Fellow opportunities available to you afterward. See more about these opportunities on our website.



## **ACTION PROJECTS**

### Turning knowledge into action

As a Humanity in Action Fellow, you must plan and implement an Action Project - a hands-on initiative inspired by your Fellowship experience. Action Projects allow you to take what you have learned during the Fellowship programs and use that knowledge to address real-life issues in your communities. The projects reflect each Fellow's unique experience and interests. Action Projects may take many different forms, including community service, public advocacy, art projects, lectures, conferences, and social entrepreneurship. Below you can find examples of Action Projects carried out by Copenhagen Fellows.



FATHERLAND Nour Moazzen 2021 Sarajevo Fellow

The documentary 'Fatherland' is a touching film about a grieving Syrian father and his three sons' quiet struggle not to be deported from Denmark and scattered all over the world.



#### ANIMATE YOUTH STORIES

Kaila Bolton 2021 Cph Fellow Maiken Kiaby 2021 Sarakjevo Fellow

In this workshop series, kids with multicultural backgrounds take the main character as they produce their own stop motion film. If you are curious, check out their films on instagram.



I SKYGGEN Mika Andersen & Dima Jirjis 2020 Cph Fellows

In this podcast, the Danish ban on religious symbols in the police and military is explored. During four episodes, you will meet a young woman with a dream about joining the armed forces but who has had to set it aside because of her headscarf. You will also meet a wide range of expects in this wellproduced podcast.



THE CONTINENT THAT FORGOT ITS HUMANITY Nanna Vedel-Hertz 2020 Cph Fellows

In September 2020, the infamous Moria refugee camp burned to the ground, leaving thousands of people homeless. Unfortunately, the disaster quickly disappeared from the news and Nanna decided to take matters into her own hands. She managed to raise over 200,000 DKK and provide basics necessities for the children.

## **ACTION LAB DATES**

#### **ONLINE ACTION LABS**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 16-18 CEST/10AM-12PM EDT

Session #1: KICK-OFF Planning your Project

OCTOBER 15, 2023 18-20 CEST/12-2PM EDT Session #2

NOVEMBER 15, 2023 16-18 CET/10AM-12PM EST Session #3

JANUARY 18, 2024 18-20 CET/12-2 PM EST Session #4

MAY 24, 2024 17-19 CEST / 11AM-1PM EDT

Session #5: Showtime -Action Project Presentations







# **ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION**

Humanity in Action is an international nonprofit organisation that aims to instill the values of human dignity and moral responsibility in a new generation of social, cultural, and political leaders by:

- Engaging student leaders in histories of resistance to institutionalized violations of minority rights in democratic countries;
- Promoting the growth and development of young professionals dedicated to protecting human dignity and the rights of minorities;
- Building a multi-national, intergenerational network of present and emerging leaders in diverse professional fields who share these commitments.

Humanity in Action believes that an impor-tant test of a genuine democracy is how it treats its minorities, and that the commit-ment to democratic values and the protec-tion of minorities cannot be taken for granted in the United States and Europe.

Therefore, Humanity in Action seeks to engage younger generations in histories of resistance and to inspire them to fulfill their moral responsibilities to protect those in danger from institutionalized violations of minority rights.

The intellectual touchstone for Humanity in Action, founded in 1997, has been the study of acts of resistance - and lack thereof - during the Second World War and the Holocaust. These events raise critical questions: Why do some people resist while others remain bystanders? What connects those who recognize the need to resist? How are acts of resistance influenced by national and historical contexts?

#### ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION DENMARK

Humanity in Action Denmark is an essential part of a collaborative, international learning community of university students and young professionals in Europe and the United States.

We promote values of democracy, pluralism, social justice, and human rights, particularly in Denmark and the transatlantic context, through education and forms of civil engagement shaped by our specific historical and cultural context.

As a small but international organization, we connect carefully selected young leaders of diverse backgrounds and identities to support them in acting socially responsibly through understanding other social groups' perspectives.

We have developed Fellowships, study trips, seminars, workshops, and conferences since 1999 that challenge contemporary master narratives by looking deeply into some of the histories behind contemporary Danish news headlines.

Together with experts from academia, activism, the arts, journalism, politics, and the business world, our Fellows and Senior Fellows discuss critical social justice issues in Denmark. The topics that keep us busy are identity, human rights, social justice, immigration, and diversity. For years we have created and nourished a community culture that is collaborative, intensive, caring, open to vulnerability, interdisciplinary, opinionated, eclectic, international, and fun.

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