

How are we supposed to live
in a society of

Arabs, Turks, Plumbers, Lawyers,
Germans, Muslims, Liberals,
Communists, Homophobes, Typists,
Pianists, Nationalists, Atheists,
Catholics, Nazis, Bankers, Shoemakers,
Architects, Supervisors, Acrobats,
Bureaucrats, Vegans, Vets, Inventors,
Instructors, Curators, Painters,
Hipsters, Yogis, Nuns, Jews, Drag
Queens, Xenophiles, Journalists,
Refugees, Medics, Americans,
Democrat
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Poets, Bu
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ABOUT

Humanity in Action is an international organization that educates, inspires, and connects emerging and established leaders committed to promoting human rights, pluralism, and active citizenship in their own communities and around the world. Since its founding in 1998, Humanity in Action has engaged over 1,600 young leaders in their 20s and 30s in a variety of educational human rights programs in Europe and the United States. The Humanity in Action Senior Fellows now form a unique international alumni community committed to social justice and the advancement of minority rights.

Humanity in Action Deutschland e.V. is part of the transatlantic Humanity in Action network with non-profit, non-partisan partner organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United States. Humanity in Action Deutschland e.V. is an associate of the non-governmental platform of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA-FRP), a member organization of the network Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe (DARE) and of the German Roundtable USA.

The 2017 Humanity in Action Berlin Fellowship brings together twenty-two carefully selected university students and recent graduates from Germany, Greece, Poland, Ukraine, and the United States to explore historic and contemporary minority rights issues in Germany. The Fellows meet with activists, artists, experts, and policymakers to explore a variety of human rights challenges, including how and why individuals and societies, past and present, have resisted intolerance and protected democratic values.

This highly interdisciplinary Fellowship concludes with the Annual International Humanity in Action Conference in Berlin, bringing together well over 250 Fellows, Senior Fellows, partners, and friends of the organization. This year's Annual Conference explores the rise in nationalist sentiment, xenophobic rhetoric, and political extremism across Europe and the United States, and the resultant challenges to transatlantic relations and domestic policies on both sides of the Atlantic.

Humanity in Action cordially thanks all its supporters and collaborators, speakers and participating organizations, Senior Fellows, and host families. Without their dedicated help, the realization of this program would not be possible. Thank you!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

>> Friday, May 26 Welcome Reception

To mark the beginning of this month together, the Fellowship program begins with a small reception in Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg. Fellows, Senior Fellows, and Members of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action Germany get together for an evening of getting to know each other over food and drinks.

Location:	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
19.00–21.00	Welcome Reception With Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen (Honorary Chair of Humanity in Action Germany, Former Member of Parliament), Board Members, Senior Fellows, Fellows, and Staff

>> Saturday, May 27 Welcome to Humanity in Action

The Fellows and staff team learn more about each other. The staff introduces the program and provides practical information about life in Berlin. The Fellows go on a neighborhood walk to familiarize themselves with the area they will spend most time in over the course of the month. By the end of this day, the Fellows have reached consensus on their own rules for discussions and interactions in the coming weeks.

① Attention:	Please bring your personal object along today.
Location:	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
10.00–10.15	Arrive at Kollwitzstraße
10.15–11.00	Welcome to Humanity in Action & Sharing Fellows' Expectations Johannes Lukas Gartner (Program Director; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Louisa Kläßen (Program Coordinator; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
11.00–11.15	Break
11.15–12.30	Introduction to the Program & Sharing Humanity in Action's Expectations Johannes Lukas Gartner, Louisa Kläßen
12.30–13.15	What Brings Us Here (I) Johannes Lukas Gartner, Louisa Kläßen
13.15–14.15	Lunch

14.15-15.00	Neighborhood Walk: Where We Are Antje Scheidler (National Director, Humanity in Action Germany)
15.00-15.45	What Brings Us Here (II) Johannes Lukas Gartner, Louisa Kläßen
15.45-16.00	Break
16.00-17.00	Building a Community: Interacting, Discussing, Respecting Johannes Lukas Gartner, Louisa Kläßen
17.00-17.15	Wrap Up
17.30-18.30	<i>Optional: Office Hours</i>

>> Sunday, May 28 Introducing Germany Today

The Fellows spend the morning meeting and getting to know their host families. In the afternoon, two German Fellows give insights into some of the latest news in Germany. In the evening, the Fellows organize a barbecue at Tempelhofer field.

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Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

Morning **Meet Your Hosts**

13.45-14.00 **Introduction to the Day**

14.00-15.00 **Germany's Current Headlines**
Alexander Busold and Atia Qader Sadiq (Fellows)

15.00-15.15 Break

15.15-15.45 **Fellow Perspectives**
Julia Melanie Brandes (Fellow)

15.45-16.00 Briefing: **The Challenge**

17.45 **Best BBQ at Tempelhofer Feld**

Meeting Point: Tempelhofer Feld Grillplatz, any entrance via Oderstraße, 12051 Berlin (closest subway stop: Leinestraße, line U8), at Grillplatz Tempelhof Oderstraße

17.45 Meet at Meeting Point

>> Monday, May 29 Diversity and Self-Identification

In a peer-based and cross-medial training the Fellows learn about group-focused hostility, privileges, and various forms of discrimination. The training deepens the Fellows' understanding of different phenomena of everyday discrimination and supports the group in developing common definitions of inequalities. The workshop encourages the Fellows to reflect about their own identities and those of others.

Location:	Karl Ballmer Saal, SinneWerk e.V., Liegnitzer Str. 15, 10999 Berlin (closest subway stops: Schönleinstraße, line U8 or Görlitzer Park, line U1)
09.45-10.00	Introduction to the Location Jens Kapp (Managing Director, SinneWerk gGmbH)
10.00-12.00	Workshop: Diversity and Self-Identification (I) Lorenz Narku Laing (Peer Diversity Trainer; Chairman, Schwarze Jugend in Deutschland e.V.; Member of the Board of Directors, Humanity in Action Germany; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
12.00-13.30	Lunch
13.30-18.00	Workshop: Diversity and Self-Identification (II) Lorenz Narku Laing

>> Tuesday, May 30 Privilege | Theories of Discrimination | Race Relations in the US

Today the Fellows will reflect on the role of allies in the process of recognizing privilege and creating support networks. They will be confronted with theories of discrimination and stereotyping before engaging with these topics during the first Fellows Discussion of this month. In the evening, the Fellows attend a public lecture by Humanity in Action Germany and NYU Berlin on how several of U.S. President Trump's policies are underwritten by racialized attitudes.

Location:	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
09.45-10.00	Introduction to the Day
10.00-10.30	Fellow Perspectives Panourgias Papaioannou (Fellow)
10.30-10.35	Break
10.35-11.15	Fireside Chat: Privilege and Allyship Dr. Tanya Washington (Professor of Law, Georgia State University; John Lewis Fellowship Program Director, Humanity in Action Inc.), facilitated by Johannes Lukas Gartner (Program Director)

11.15-11.30	Break
11.30-13.15	Reactions to Diversity: From Threat and Prejudice to Valuing Differences Dr. Mathias Kauff (Researcher, University of Hagen)
13.15-14.30	Lunch
14.30-15.00	Fellow Perspectives Kateryna Gaidei (Fellow)
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.15	Fellows Discussion Facilitated by Tanashati Anderson and Adam Stasiak (Fellows)
16.15-16.30	Administrative Preparations for the Following Day
16.30-19.15	Time for Self-Care
19.15	Meet at Grimm-Zentrum
Location:	Auditorium, Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum, Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 1-3, 10117 Berlin (closest subway and S-Bahn stop: Friedrichstraße)
19.30-21.30	The Trump Effect: Race, Regression & Restoration Dr. Tanya Washington (Professor of Law, Georgia State University; John Lewis Fellowship Program Director, Humanity in Action Inc.), hosted by Humanity in Action Germany and NYU Berlin The lecture will be followed by a reception with finger food and drinks.

>> Wednesday, May 31 Germany's Colonial Past and Impact | Involvements on the African Continent

Today, the Fellows learn about Germany's colonial ties to the African continent, a history long neglected. In the morning, the Fellows embark on a tour through the African Quarter in the Berlin-Wedding district, where they see some vestiges of Germany's colonial past. After the tour, they learn about some of its ramifications, which are present in the social dynamics of today. Finally, while visiting the German Bundestag, the Fellows meet with a Member of Parliament to learn about his perspectives concerning Germany's current involvements on the African continent.

❗ Attention: To be able to enter the German Bundestag, you need to bring your passport or national identity card (EU citizens).

❗ Dress Code: We will be outside parts of this day and visit the Bundestag in the afternoon. Please dress accordingly and please bring sufficient water with you.

Meeting Point: Afrikanische Straße (subway line U6)

09.50 Meet on street level at subway stop U6 Afrikanische Straße (corner with Müllerstraße)

10.00-11.30 **Walking Tour: Germany and its Colonial Past**

Joshua Kwesi Aikins (Political Scientist, Kassel University; Activist)

11.30-12.00 Walk to August Bebel Institut

Location: August Bebel Institut, Müllerstraße 163, 13353 Berlin

12.00-13.30 **Coloniality and Institutional Racism**

Joshua Kwesi Aikins

13.30-14.30 Lunch

Meeting Point: August Bebel Institut, Müllerstraße 163, 13353 Berlin

14.30 Meet at Meeting Point

14.30-15.30 Travel to the Bundestag

Location: West Entrance of Paul-Löbe Haus, Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin (closest subway stop: Bundestag, line U55; closest S-Bahn stops: S+U Hauptbahnhof or S+U Brandenburger Tor)

15.30-16.00 Security Check to Enter the German Bundestag

16.00-17.00 **Germany's Involvements on the African Continent: Balancing Economic Cooperation and Human Rights Protection**

Charles M. Huber (Member of Parliament, CDU/CSU)

>> Thursday, June 1 Mindfulness in Leadership | Kicking Off the Action Project Phase

This morning, the Fellows meet with an expert who implements mindfulness in business environments, and together they reflect on how mindfulness relates to constructive leadership. In the afternoon, the Fellows' attention is drawn to the *Action* in Humanity in Action. While all the Fellows are required to implement an Action Project within one year after completion of the Fellowship program, the projects may differ significantly in their thematic scope, size, methodology, and number of people involved. The Fellows discuss success and failure stories of previous projects. They also have the chance to share personal project experiences and to brainstorm initial ideas for their future projects. Office hours are available at the end of the day for Fellows with administrative or personal concerns.

Location:	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
08.30-08.45	Introduction to the Day
08.45-09.45	Fellows Discussion Facilitated by Anoush Baghdassarian and Mohamed Karam Yahya (Fellows)
09.45-10.00	Break
10.00-11.45	Mindfulness in Leadership Mounira Latrache (Founder and CEO, Connected-Business; Former Head of PR, Youtube Austria, Germany & Switzerland)
11.45-12.00	Break
12.00-12.30	Fellow Perspectives Tanashati Anderson (Fellow)
12.30-13.30	Introduction to the Action Project Phase - Between Failure and Success Johannes Lukas Gartner (Program Director), Louisa Kläßen (Program Coordinator)
13.30-14.45	Lunch
14.45-15.45	Working Groups: Share Personal Experience with Project Implementation
15.45-16.00	Break
16.00-17.00	Share Findings with the Group
17.00-17.15	Break
17.15-18.15	Brainstorming and Heartstorming: Action Project Ideas
18.15-18.30	Wrap Up
18.45-20.00	<i>Optional: Office Hours</i>

>> Friday, June 2 Holocaust Remembrance

Until 1945, more than 200,000 people from all over Europe were imprisoned at Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, built by the SS in 1936. Tens of thousands died of hunger and diseases as a result of forced labor or systematic extermination. From 1945 to 1950, the Soviet Union used the site as a labor camp. Over a decade later, in 1961, the German Democratic Republic (i.e. East Germany, 1949-1990) founded the Sachsenhausen National Memorial. Today the Fellows examine the histories connected to this place, particularly the Holocaust, and the persecution of minority groups and political opponents under National Socialism. The Fellows connect these histories to the present and reflect on their impressions. They share their knowledge of and experiences with remembrance cultures in their own communities.

- ❶ Dress Code: We will be outside parts of this day. Please dress accordingly.
- ❶ Lunch: Today, please bring your own lunch and sufficient water.
- Meeting Point: Platform 4 at Gesundbrunnen Train Station
- 09.00 Meet at Meeting Point
- 09.19 Departure from Gesundbrunnen Train Station, Train S1 (direction: Oranienburg)
- 09.55 Arrival at Oranienburg Train Station
- Location: Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen, Straße der Nationen 22, 16515 Oranienburg
- 09.55-10.30 Walk to Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen
- 10.30-11.30 **Overview of Fellows' Expectations**
Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker (Ph.D. Graduate of Washington University in St. Louis)
- 11.30-14.30 **Guided Tour: Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen**
Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker
- 14.30-15.15 **Individual Tour: Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen**
- 15.15-16.15 **Debriefing and Discussion**
- 16.51 Departure from Oranienburg Train Station
- 17.27 Arrival at Gesundbrunnen Train Station

>> Saturday, June 3 Forced Labor | Germany's Quest for Identity

Today, the Fellows examine forced labor during the Nazi era before discussing examples of labor exploitation today. The former labor camp Berlin-Schöneweide, the last well-preserved labor camp in Germany, illustrates the historical organization of labor exploitation by the Nazis. This day culminates in an analysis of the trajectory of Germany's quest for national identity and a look at the ramifications of certain historical developments on German national consciousness and its position in Europe today.

Meeting Point: S-Bahn stop Schöneweide, on the platform
(S-Bahn lines S8, S85, S9, S45, S46, S47)

❶ Attention: There are two stops carrying 'Schöneweide' in its name.
We meet at S-Bahn stop Schöneweide
(not at 'Betriebsbahnhof Schöneweide')

09.30 Meet at Meeting Point

Location: Documentation Center Forced Labour, Britzer Straße 5,
12439 Berlin

10.00-12.00 Guided Tour: **Documentation Center Forced Labour**

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435
Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

12.00-13.00 Travel to Kollwitzstraße

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 **Germany and its Quest for National Identity**
Gülay Gün (Project Manager, Hamburg Museum of Work;
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

15.30-15.45 Break

15.45-17.00 **Germany's Potentials and Limitations for the Stability of Europe**
Dr. Henriette Rytz (Vice Chair of Humanity in Action
Germany; Foreign Policy Advisor to Cem Özdemir, MP
Bündnis 90/Die Grünen; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

17.00-17.15 Break

17.15-17.45 **Fellow Perspectives**
Carmen Glink Buján (Fellow)

17.45-18.15 **Revisiting Community Frameworks**

18.15-18.30 Wrap Up

>> Sunday, June 4 Time for Self-Care

>> Monday, June 5 Action Project Development | Berlin's Memorial Landscape

Today, the Fellows have time to individually develop their project ideas, and learn about fundraising strategies to engage financial supporters in their endeavors. The Fellows define project goals, develop a project plan, and prepare to share their project ideas with the group. Through a combination of individual planning, collaborative work, feedback, and presentations, the group works together to support each other in their project development and improvement. In the afternoon, they visit Berlin memorial sites related to different victim groups of the Nazi era.

❶ Dress Code: We will be outside parts of this day. Please dress accordingly.

❶ Attention: Today is a bank holiday; most businesses are closed.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

10.30-10.45 **Introduction to the Day**

10.45-12.00 **From No-Budget to Low-Budget: How to Engage Financial Supporters With Your Action Project**

Anne Stalfort (Fundraiser, arbeiterkind.de)

12.00-13.00 Lunch: **Individual Work on Action Projects**

- Revisit initial project ideas;
- Apply project planning to your project idea;
- Complete provided worksheet.

13.00-14.00 **Share Action Project Ideas with the Group**

14.00-14.15 Break

14.15-15.30 Working Groups: **Feedback on Project Ideas**

- Working groups of four to six Fellows will be formed according to the format and method of their project;
- Each working group will discuss the project ideas in the group and provide constructive feedback based on their own experience and expertise.

15.30-16.00 Travel to Memorial Sites

16.00-19.00 Guided Tour: **Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Memorial to the Victims of National Socialist 'Euthanasia' Killings, Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of National Socialism, Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted Under Nazism**

>> Tuesday, June 6 Germany's Religious Landscapes | Jewish History | Antisemitism

In order to better understand religious diversity in Germany today, the Fellows start with an examination of the historical developments that have over the last decades and centuries shaped the country's religious landscapes. The Fellows then head to the Jewish Museum of Berlin, which was opened in 2001 and which continues to represent one of the largest of its kind worldwide. They may join one of two guided tours focusing on German Jews' responses to National Socialism and the adaptations Jews underwent in the nineteenth century. In the afternoon, the Fellows meet with a Jewish activist and author to learn about and discuss his new book.

i Attention: If you have a valid student ID card, please bring it along.

Location: Alte Feuerwache e.V., Axel-Springer-Straße 40/41, 10969 Berlin, Room SR1 (closest subway stop: Spittelmarkt, line U2)

09.30-09.45 **Introduction to the Day**

09.45-11.00 **From Past to Present: Religious Landscapes of Germany**
Prof. Dr. Andreas Feldtkeller (Professor, Faculty of Theology, Humboldt University of Berlin)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-11.45 **Fellow Perspectives**
Zaakir Tameez (Fellow)

11.45-12.15 Walk to Waldorf School

12.15-13.15 Lunch at Waldorf School

13.15-13.40 Walk to Jewish Museum

13.40-14.00 Arrive at Jewish Museum and Pass Security

14.00-15.30 Guided Tour: **German-Jewish Responses to National Socialism**
Guided Tour: **Between Adaptation and Self-Determination - German Jews in the 19th Century**

15.30 Meet in the Backyard by the Cloak Room

15.30-16.00 Walk to Alte Feuerwache

16.00-17.30 Book Presentation: **A Jew in Neukölln: My Path to Coexistence of Religions**
Armin Langer (Co-Founder and Coordinator, Salaam-Shalom Initiative; Activist; Author)

17.30-17.45 Break

17.45-18.15 **Fellow Perspectives**
Adam Stasiak (Fellow)

18.15-18.30 Wrap Up

>> **Wednesday, June 7** Interreligious Dialogue | Anti-Muslim Racism | Islam in the Media

The day starts off with a Fellows Discussion, which is followed by a meeting with a reverend of The House of One, the world's first planned house of prayer for three religions. The Fellows meet with an established activist to learn about the state of Anti-Muslim racism in Germany before talking to the Head of the Institute for Media Responsibility to critically examine the representation of Islam in the German media.

Location:	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
09.45-10.00	Introduction to the Day
10.00-11.00	Fellows Discussion Facilitated by Julia Melanie Brandes and Michael Scott (Fellows)
11.00-11.30	Break
11.30-12.45	House of One: Three Religions Under One Roof Eric Haußmann (Reverend, St. Mary's Church and House of One)
12.45-13.45	Lunch
13.45-15.15	Anti-Muslim Racism in Germany Today Ozan Keskinçiliç (Activist, Political Scientist)
15.15-15.45	Break
15.45-17.15	The Representation of Islam in the Media Dr. Sabine Schiffer (Head, Institute for Media Responsibility)
17.15-17.30	Break
17.30-18.30	Fellows Discussion Facilitated by Kateryna Gaidei and Lidya Mesgna (Fellows)
18.30-18.40	Break
18.40-19.10	Fellow Perspectives Tetiana Piletska (Fellow)
19.10-19.25	Wrap Up

>> Thursday, June 8 LGBTQ Realities | Queer Visions

This morning is dedicated to an overview of current LGB policies in Germany. A midterm evaluation of the program is held before the Fellows have lunch with the founder of the Queer Refugees Network Leipzig, an organization that empowers LGBTIQ* people seeking asylum, and with an activist who fled Morocco and received support from the network. After a Fellows Discussion, the day closes with a conversation about non-binary identities and a re-imagination of a society where gender categories are no longer static.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

09.30-09.45 **Introduction to the Day**

09.45-11.00 **The Status Quo of LGB Advocacy**

Markus Ulrich (Press Spokesperson, Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (LSVD))

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-11.45 **Fellow Perspectives**

Anoush Baghdassarian (Fellow)

11.45-11.55 Break

11.55-12.35 **Midterm Evaluation**

12.35-12.45 Break

12.45-13.45 Lunch: **Queer Refugees Network Leipzig: Eye-Level Cooperation and Solidarity**

Tarek Mohamed Hassan (Founder, Queer Refugees Network Leipzig) and Jasmin Razzouk (Activist)

13.45-14.00 Break

14.00-14.30 **Fellow Perspectives**

Iris Najjar (Fellow)

14.30-14.45 Break

14.45-16.45 **Fellows Discussion**

Facilitated by Helen Kramer and Yaşar Ohle (Fellows)

16.45-17.00 Break

17.00-18.15 **Fireside Chat: Imagining Society Beyond the Binary**

Lyra Pramuk (Activist and Artist), facilitated by Louisa Kläßen (Program Coordinator)

18.15-18.30 Wrap Up

>> Friday, June 9 Feminist Discourses: Past and Present

Today, the Fellows discuss feminism in different contexts. They hold discussions about the continuous presence of colonial ideas in feminist discourses, the power of social media to promote feminist thought, and the reasons why feminism is needed today. After lunch, the Fellows go to NYU to virtually meet with one of the first academics to study the Holocaust from a feminist perspective. In the evening, the Fellows are invited to join a vernissage at Galerie Kai Dikhas.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

09.45-10.00 **Introduction to the Day**

10.00-11.30 **Colonial Continuities in Feminist Discourses**
Prof. Dr. Nivedita Prasad (Professor, Alice Salomon University of Applied Science)

11.30-11.45 Break

11.45-12.15 **Fellow Perspectives**
Iason Tsoukalas (Fellow)

12.15-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.30 **#RadicalSolidarity - Why Feminism Matters Now More Than Ever**
Anne Wizorek (Feminist Activist; Digital Media Consultant; Author)

14.30-15.00 Walk to New York University (NYU) Berlin

Location: NYU Campus, Schönhauser Allee 36, 10435 Berlin

15.00-16.00 **Virtual: Women and the Holocaust**
Dr. Joan Ringelheim (Former Director of Oral History, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

16.00-16.30 Walk back to Kollwitzstraße

16.30-17.00 **Fellow Perspectives**
Helen Kramer (Fellow)

17.00-18.00 **Fellows Discussion**
Facilitated by Carmen Glink Buján and Zaakir Tameez (Fellows)

18.00-18.15 Wrap Up

Location: Galerie Kai Dikhas, Kunstraum Dikhas Dur
Aufbau Haus am Moritzplatz, Prinzenstraße 84, 10969 Berlin
(closest subway stop: Moritzplatz, line U8)

19.00-21.00 *Optional:* Vernissage by David Hardy at Kai Dikhas

>> Saturday, June 10 to Tuesday, June 20

Individual and Group Work on Action Projects

As the Fellows continue the conversations on human rights related, specific sessions are from now on dedicated to working individually and in small groups on developing the Fellows' Action Projects.

In the time periods of all the sessions carrying the title **Individual Work on Action Projects**, the Fellows may work at any location of their choice. However, a space for thinking will be available to them during most of these hours, in which staff members are also present for individual consultations on the Action Projects.

Tasks for the Action Period include:

IMPORTANCE: Get in touch with your designated target group and check if the project idea addresses real needs.

FEASIBILITY CHECK: Determine the scope of your project, its timing, the financial resources needed, time requirements, and potential partners.

FIND YOUR ALLIES: Who could be potential collaborators during the implementation of the project?

INSPIRATION: Find related projects and get inspired.

LITERATURE: Review literature on your project topic.

TEAM UP: Team up with other Fellows and discuss the ideas.

PROJECT PLAN: Include the feedback and suggestions from other Fellows and modify the project plan accordingly.

>> Saturday, June 10 Roma and Sinti Art | Diversity in Film and Theater

Today starts with a trip to Kai Dikhas, a gallery exclusively dedicated to exhibiting art of the Roma and Sinti, two minority groups whose persecution under National Socialism has continuously been neglected in the public discourse and who remain among the most marginalized communities in Europe. In continuation, the Fellows meet with two German actors who share their expertise and personal experiences concerning the representation of people of color in the German film and theater industries.

📍 Attention:	You are responsible for your own lunch today.
Location:	Galerie Kai Dikhas, Kunstraum Dikhas Dur
Meeting Point:	Main Entrance of Aufbau Haus am Moritzplatz, Prinzenstraße 84, 10969 Berlin (closest subway stop: Moritzplatz, line U8)
11.45	Meet at Meeting Point
12.00-13.00	Gallery Tour: Kai Dikhas Jobst Moritz Pankok (Founder and Artistic Director, Galerie Kai Dikhas)
13.00-13.15	Break
13.15-14.45	The Depiction of PoCs in German Films and Theater Jerry Hoffmann (Actor and Director) and Maryam Zaree (Actress and Director)
14.45-15.00	Break
15.00-15.30	Fellow Perspectives Yaşar Ohle (Fellow)
15.30-15.45	Wrap Up
15.45-18.00	Individual Work on Action Projects

>> Sunday, June 11 Time for Self-Care

>> Monday, June 12 Labor Exploitation Today | Berlin's Divided History

Today begins with a visit to the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ), which gives insights into the ways Germany has dealt with its history of forced labor. The Fellows learn about the Foundation's current engagements and future plans. Thereafter, contemporary forms of labor exploitation and human trafficking are addressed alongside a presentation of innovative campaign methods against these phenomena. In the afternoon, the Fellows join a guided tour through the Berlin Wall Memorial Site, which provides a historical lens to frame the division of Germany, the border regime, and the Cold War.

Meeting Point:	Friedrichstraße 200, 10117 Berlin (closest subway stop: Stadtmitte, line U6)
09.45	Meet at Meeting Point
10.00-11.00	The Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future - History, Present Projects, Future Vision Dr. Andreas Eberhardt (Chairman of the Board of Directors, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future) and Sonja Böhme (Senior Program Manager, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future)
11.00-12.00	Travel to Kollwitzstraße
12.00-12.15	Break
12.15-13.45	Forced Labor in Germany Today Paula Riedemann (Project Coordinator, Ban Ying Coordination and Counseling Center)
13.45-14.45	Lunch
15.15-15.45	Fellow Perspectives Magdalini Alexandropoulou (Fellow)
15.45-16.15	Travel to Berlin Wall Memorial Site
Location:	Main Entrance of the Memorial Site Berlin Wall Visitor Center, Bernauer Straße 119, 13355 Berlin (closest subway stop: Bernauer Straße, line U8; closest S-Bahn stop: Nordbahnhof, lines S1, S2, S25)
16.15-17.30	Guided Tour: Berlin Wall Memorial Site Miriamne Fields (Tour Guide)
17.30-17.45	Wrap Up

>> Tuesday, June 13 How to Pitch a Project | Non-Violent Communication

A professional presentation and communication coach joins the Fellows for the entire day. The coach shares her knowledge and tips about how to effectively pitch projects. The day closes with input on how to maximize the impact of the Fellows' future Action Project and how to navigate conflict and resolution with the use of non-violent communication. More specifically, the Fellows learn how to deliver various messages to anybody at anytime, without risking or fearing "break-down" or "conflict."

Location: Karl Ballmer Saal, SinneWerk e.V., Liegnitzer Str. 15, 10999 Berlin (closest subway stops: Schönleinstraße, line U8 or Görlitzer Park, line U1)

09.45 **Introduction to the Day**

10.00-10.30 **Workshop: How to Pitch a Project**
Mona Shair-Wloch (Founder and Managing Director, key2advance)

10.30-11.15 **Develop Your Project Pitch**
Mona Shair-Wloch

11.15-12.30 **Test the Pitch with the Group & Collective Feedback**
Mona Shair-Wloch

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.30 **Fellow Perspectives**
Michael Scott (Fellow)

14.30-14.45 Break

14.45-18.00 **Workshop: From Conflict to Resolution: Non-Violent Communication**
Mona Shair-Wloch

18.00-18.15 Wrap Up

>> **Wednesday, June 14** Technological Change | German-Greek Relations in Context | Heterogeneous Classrooms

The Fellows start the day by individually working on their Action Projects. In the afternoon, they meet with the Director of change.org in Germany to look at the role of the internet in the context of social change. Afterwards, the Fellows learn about some of the neglected histories between Germany and Greece in order to historically contextualize German-Greek relations today. In a moderated discussion, the Fellows hailing from Greece debate around Greece's contemporary crises and the gains and losses that have resulted from them. The Fellows wrap up the day with an examination of the challenges related to teaching German history in multi-diverse classrooms.

i Attention: You are responsible for your own lunch today.

Location: Karl Ballmer Saal, SinneWerk e.V., Liegnitzer Str. 15, 10999 Berlin (closest subway stops: Schönleinstraße, line U8 or Görlitzer Park, line U1)

10.00-12.15 **Individual Work on Action Projects**

12.15-12.30 **Introduction to the Day**

12.30-13.00 **Fellow Perspectives**
Alexander Busold (Fellow)

13.00-13.15 **Break**

13.15-14.30 **How the Internet is Scaling Social Change**
Paula Peters (Global Director Learning & Development, change.org)

14.30-14.45 **Break**

14.45-16.00 **German-Greek Relations in Context: Some History Behind the Headlines**
Dr. Anna Maria Droumpouki (Historian; Scientific Coordinator of the Project "Memories of the Occupation in Greece," Free University of Berlin)

16.00-16.15 **Break**

16.15-17.15 **Crises in Greece: Implications and Silver Lining**
Panel Discussion with Magdalini Alexandropoulou, Maria Evangelia Garaki, Panourgias Papaioannou and Iason Tsoukalas (Fellows), facilitated by Georgia Soares (Program Intern)

17.15-17.30 **Break**

17.30-19.00 **Teaching German History in a Multiethnic Classroom**
Prof. Dr. Viola B. Georgi (Director of the Center for Diversity, Democracy and Inclusion and Professor, Hildesheim University)

19.00-19.15 **Wrap Up**

>> Thursday, June 15 Refuge and Asylum in Germany: Civil Society Solutions

This morning, the Fellows meet with the Center for Political Beauty spokesperson to learn about their politically motivated performance art and to discuss their aims and current campaigns. Afterwards, the Fellows find out about the work of Kiron, an organization that grants refugees access to higher education through digital solutions. The Fellows continue to reflect on Germany's reception of refugees during their meeting with Holger Spöhr, an advisor on migration and refugee issues, who discusses Germany's civil society solutions.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

09.45-10.00 **Introduction to the Day**

10.00-11.30 **Art Through the Eyes of the Centre for Political Beauty**
Yasser Almaamoun (Spokesperson and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Center for Political Beauty)

11.30-11.45 Break

11.45-12.45 **Kiron: German Startup Solutions for Global Refugee Education**
Florian Rücker (Product Manager, Kiron)

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.15 **Civil Society Perspectives on the German Refugee Reception Culture 2015 to 2017**
Holger Spöhr (Expert Advisor on Migration and Refugee Issues, Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband)

15.15-15.30 Break

15.30-16.00 **Fellow Perspectives**
Maria Evangelia Garaki (Fellow)

16.00-16.15 Break

16.15-17.30 **Interkular: Refugees as Guides for Integration**
Parwiz Shafizada (Integration Guide, Interkular)

17.30-17.45 Wrap Up

>> Friday, June 16 Social Entrepreneurship for Inclusion | Action Project Development | The NSU Trial

Today, the Fellows learn about creative ways to ensure inclusion and accessibility through social entrepreneurship. The afternoon is dedicated to individual work on Action Projects and a session to evaluate where each of the Fellows is standing in regard to the Action Project development. In the evening, the Fellows learn about the National Socialist Underground (NSU), a neo-Nazi terrorist cell, from a lawyer who represents relatives of the victims.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

09.45-10.00 **Introduction to the Day**

10.00-11.00 **Fellows Discussion**

Facilitated by Tetiana Piletska and Elaine Vilorio (Fellows)

11.00-11.15 **Break**

11.15-12.45 **Case Study: Social Heroes – For Inclusion and Accessibility**

Silke Georgi (International Affairs and Fundraising, Sozialhelden e.V)

12.45-13.00 **Break**

13.00-13.30 **Fellow Perspectives**

Atia Qader Sadiq (Fellow)

13.30-17.00 **Individual Work on Action Projects**

17.00-18.15 **Feedback on Individual Work on Action Projects**

18.15-18.30 **Break**

18.30-20.00 **NSU and Trial: More Questions than Answers**

Dr. Mehmet Gürcan Daimagüler (Human Rights Lawyer)

>> Saturday, June 17 Reimagining Belonging

This morning, the Fellows meet for brunch with a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow, who will present the educational documentary film project *with WINGS and ROOTS*. In the afternoon, the Fellows are introduced to further opportunities offered by Humanity in Action, including the Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellowship that gives selected participants the opportunity to work in the office of a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) or a Brussels-based non-governmental organization.

Location:	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
10.50	Meet at Kollwitzstraße
11.00-12.30	Brunch: Reimagine Belonging – with WINGS and ROOTS Isabel Schröer (Community Engagement Team Member, with WINGS and ROOTS; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
12.30-12.45	Break
12.45-13.15	Fellows Perspectives Elaine Vilorio (Fellow)
13.15-14.15	Awaiting Opportunities within Humanity in Action Anne Aulinger (MP Research Associate, German Bundestag; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Johannes Lukas Gartner (Program Director)
14.15-18.00	Individual Work on Action Projects

>> Sunday, June 18 Time for Self-Care

>> Monday, June 19 Political Islamism

This morning is dedicated to examining political Islamism in Germany and Europe. A Humanity in Action Senior Fellow presents his research on why some Muslims born and socialized in European democracies undergo Islamic radicalization. The afternoon is dedicated to the last Fellows Discussion in the program.

Location:	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
10.45-11.15	Fellow Perspectives Mohamed Karam Yahya (Fellow)
11.15-11.30	Break
11.30-13.00	On the Causes of Political Islamism in Europe Leon Valentin Schettler (Research Associate of the Collaborative Research Center - Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
13.00-14.30	Lunch
14.30-15.00	Fellow Perspectives Lidya Mesgna (Fellow)
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.15	Fellows Discussion Facilitated by Iris Najjar and Mateusz Olechowski (Fellows)
16.15-16.30	Wrap Up

>> Tuesday, June 20 Meet the Founder | Farewell Reception

The founder of Humanity in Action joins the Fellows this morning for a conversation about the origins and aims of the organization. Fellows are required to submit their Action Project plans via an online form in the afternoon. In the evening, the Fellows are invited to pitch their projects during a Farewell Reception.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

📌 Dress Code: Business Casual

10.00-10.15 **Introduction to the Day**

10.15-11.15 **Fireside Chat: Meet Humanity in Action's Founder**
Conversation with Dr. Judith S. Goldstein (Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action, Inc.), facilitated by Georgia Soares (Program Intern)

11.15-11.25 Break

11.25-11.55 **Fellow Perspectives**
Mateusz Olechowski (Fellow)

11.55-12.00 Break

12.00-12.45 **Final Evaluation of the Program**

12.45-13.00 Wrap Up

15.00 Deadline: **Submit Project Plans Online**

13.00-17.00 **Refine and Prepare Project Pitches**

Location: Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Law Firm), Potsdamer Platz 1, 10785 Berlin, Room Paris (closest U-Bahn and S-Bahn stop: Potsdamer Platz, lines U2, S1, S2, S25)

17.00-20.00 **Farewell Reception and Project Pitching**

>> Wednesday, June 21 Time for Self-Care

>> Thursday, June 22 to Saturday, June 25: Humanity in Action International Conference in Berlin

📌 Dress Code: Business Casual

The conference starts in the afternoon of June 22. Registration opens at 16.30. For a detailed conference schedule, please check the conference program.

FELLOW BIOGRAPHIES



MAGDALINI ALEXANDROPOULOU

Free University of Berlin

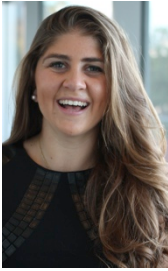
Born and raised in Athens, Magdalini Alexandropoulou is a political scientist with a major in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights. Her master's thesis investigates key issues concerning age assessment of the unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in Greece and Germany. She has lived in London, Madrid, Cairo, and Berlin, where she has been volunteering and working in the human and children's rights sectors. Magdalini seeks to address human and children's rights education as an imperative tool towards the strengthening of existing educational and human rights approaches while addressing socio-economic, cultural and political issues in today's society. Currently, she works as a junior facilitator in the ROMED 2 "Democratic Governance and Roma Community Participation through Mediation" of the Council of Europe and she further plans to pursue a Ph.D. in children's participation on asylum procedures and further policies that affect them.



TANASHATI ANDERSON

San Francisco State University

A San Francisco native, Tanashati Anderson is a recent winter graduate of San Francisco State University with her undergraduate degree in English Literature. She focused on reading literature through a postcolonial lens and developing analysis that helps to center marginalized voices in order to afford them the space they deserve, but have not been granted in the canon. Tanashati's background in the foster care system exposed her to an early life of public policy and advocacy work on behalf of the abused and neglected children in California. Though her career is developing in a different direction, that experience is one of the pillars that holds up her future as an educator of literary and cultural studies. Activism and healing through narrative are a big inspiration for Tanashati. She may become a writer of such stories herself someday.



ANOUSH BAGHDASSARIAN

Claremont McKenna College

Anoush Baghdassarian is a New York native, about to receive her B.A. in Psychology and Spanish with a sequence in human rights from Claremont McKenna College. A descendant of survivors of the Armenian Genocide, she has spent much of her young career raising awareness about this "forgotten genocide," and that has inspired her decision to become a human rights lawyer. She has interned at Human Rights Watch, participated in the 2017 Model International Criminal Court, worked on cases of asylum in the U.S., and has written and published historical fiction plays about genocide and crimes against humanity. Her senior theses focused on psychology and human rights, digging deeper into the psychology of perpetrators. This summer, after Humanity in Action, she will use her Davis Project for Peace grant to spend two months in Armenia collecting testimonies of Syrian-Armenian refugees to create a public digital archive so their narratives are not lost to history.



JULIA MELANIE BRANDES

Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design
(University of Dundee)

Julia Melanie Brandes is originally from Hanover and moved to Scotland after graduating high school in 2014. She is currently studying 2D- and 3D-Animation in Dundee. At her university, she is secretary for Amnesty International, a member of the Debating Society, and was co-manager of the University Big Band for two years. While in high school, she did an exchange year in Canada and first got involved with various human rights groups. After her return, she worked for the British Heart Foundation charity in London and won a prize in an acclaimed German history competition in 2013, after which her work – a book looking at the Holocaust through child eyewitnesses' eyes – was published and is now being used at local schools. In her free time, Julia is an avid reader, artist, musician, and does boxing. After finishing her degree, she aims to work as a concept artist.



ALEXANDER BUSOLD

Hertie School of Governance

Alexander Busold grew up in Hamburg, Germany, and first studied Economics, Politics, and Sociology at Zeppelin University in Germany, during which he studied abroad in Argentina and India. In 2016, Alexander graduated with a master's in Public Policy from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, where he is also currently pursuing his Ph.D., researching the collaboration between public administration and civil society in the field of refugee aid in Germany. Outside of academia, he gained experience in consulting for different foundations and initiatives, such as the Ashoka Globalizer Program, where Alexander supported leading social entrepreneurs to scale their social impact. Now, Alexander is setting up a sponsorship program for refugees together with other fellows of the Avicenna Foundation, facilitating cultural exchange and supporting refugees in the process of integration. In his spare time, Alex enjoys backpacking around the globe and kayaking.



CARMEN GLINK BUJÁN

Free University of Berlin

Carmen Glink Buján was born in Osnabrück, Germany and moved to Berlin to study Social and Cultural Anthropology and Political Science at Free University of Berlin. She is a Hans-Böckler-Foundation scholar, and her research is focused on post-Marxist, postcolonial and feminist theory. She is currently finishing her master's degree based on her own empirical fieldwork with Nigerian street sex workers in Barcelona. Carmen plans to start a Ph.D. and study "new racism" in Europe next year. Her scientific work is based on her anti-capitalist critique. In her future career she hopes to successfully connect academia and activism to support struggles against discrimination and oppression and to fight for global justice. In her spare time Carmen engages in different political initiatives, loves to dance and enjoys attending different cultural events.



KATERYNA GAIDEI

National University "Odessa Law Academy"

Kateryna Gaidei is a lawyer at the Odessa-based civic organization Desyate Kvitnya where she provides free legal aid to asylum seekers and refugees under a partnership with UNHCR in Ukraine. She graduated from the National University Odessa Law Academy with a law master's degree with distinction in 2012. At the Academy, she conducted research on the universal criminal jurisdiction of states and has 20 publications on the topic. Kateryna also holds an LL.M. degree in Public International Law from Leiden University in the Netherlands. Along with the protection of refugees' rights, her current professional interests are the protection of stateless persons and national minorities in Ukraine.



MARIA EVANGELIA GARAKI

Central European University

Born and raised in Athens, Greece, Maria Evangelia Garaki is a young professional in the field of human rights. She received a B.A. in Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Athens with a focus on European and international policy norms. With the support of a full-tuition scholarship, she received her M.A. in Human Rights at the Central European University in Budapest with a focus on international and European refugee law. She speaks fluent Greek, English, and French. Maria works for UNHCR Greece, currently in her second term at the organization during the current refugee reception crisis. At UNHCR, she conducts both field and administrative work, while also envisioning her future academic steps. As an active member of the Hellenic League for Human Rights, Maria continuously participates in local human rights projects and keeps herself busy with other interests such as scouting, creative writing, and travelling.



HELEN KRAMER

Oberlin College

Helen Kramer graduated in 2017 from Oberlin College with a B.A. in Mathematics and a concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies. Early in her college career, Helen's term as an AmeriCorps Bonner Leader gave her the opportunity to think critically about what it means to do community service. She came to focus on the central importance of building interdisciplinary and interpersonal connections to support holistic social progress. Helen has focused academically on mathematical approaches to complex social systems, including dynamic systems, optimization, and agent-based modeling. As founder of the Oberlin Interfaith Action Team, Helen seeks to promote interfaith leadership toward repairing and improving the world. In the long run, Helen hopes to help altruistic organizations use mathematical tools to do their work more effectively while remaining accountable to local communities. She enjoys playing the clarinet, makeup art, knitting, and listening to audio books.



LIDYA MESGNA

Boston College

Born and raised Silver Spring, Maryland, Lidya Mesgna recently graduated from Boston College with a B.A. in International Studies and minors in Political Science and Economics. She studied abroad at Queen Mary University of London during her junior year, taking an interest in immigrant and refugee issues. Lidya was involved in the Undergraduate Government of Boston College, serving during her senior year as Director of Policy of the African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American + Leadership Council. There, she led the Student Assembly to advocate on behalf of students of color on campus and craft policy dedicated to developing a more open and inclusive campus community. She has also interned for Members of Congress in Maryland and Massachusetts, predominantly working on immigration and refugee cases. Her interests include drinking tea and going out for Ethiopian food. She aims to pursue a master's degree in International Development, Migration Studies, or Security Studies within a few years.



IRIS NAJJAR

Free University of Berlin

When Iris Najjar started volunteering at a homeless shelter in Paris at the age of 16, she was struck by the distress she witnessed and felt the urge to help. This experience, combined with her passion for the natural sciences, inspired her to study medicine at the Charité Medical University in Berlin, where she graduated in 2016 with a doctorate degree in Cancer Therapeutics. Her participation in the World Health Summit in 2016 made her realize the importance of social determinants and equal health care access. She now hopes to deepen her expertise in public health while pursuing her medical residency in internal medicine. In her spare time, Iris learns Arabic and is actively involved in the medical students' European working group on refugee rights and health.



YAŞAR OHLE

Bucerius Law School

Born in Berlin, Yaşar Ohle lived mostly there until he finished high school. In 11th grade he went to Adana, Turkey, for an intercultural exchange year. Afterwards, he studied law at Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, where he successfully finished his first legal state examination in spring 2017. He spent one term abroad at BILGI University in Istanbul. As a Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation scholar, he is deeply involved in the scholarship holders' community. He is an active volunteer at AFS intercultural programs and took part in many seminars for young people going abroad on exchange years as a trainer. Besides that he is also involved in refugee solidarity actions in and around Hamburg. Next fall, he plans to study Legal Gender Studies at the SOAS University of London. Afterwards, Yaşar intends to complete his legal clerkship and earn his Ph.D. in Law, researching the interdependencies between law, gender, and power.



MATEUSZ OLECHOWSKI

University of Warsaw

Born and raised in Warsaw, Mateusz Olechowski is a graduate of the University of Warsaw, with a master's degree in Social Psychology. Mateusz specializes in applied social research and evaluation. His academic and activist interests focus on stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination against migrants and refugees. Mateusz is involved in anti-prejudice interventions, volunteer work, and politics.



PANOURGIAS PAPAIOANNOU

University of Athens

Panourgiyas Papaioannou was born and raised in Athens. After graduating from the Evangeliki School of Nea Smyrni, he joined several arts and theater clubs. At the University of Athens, he followed his dream and studied English Language and Literature, graduating with distinction earned during his military service. He also studied at Free University of Berlin as an Erasmus exchange student, and represented Greece in the CoE seminar concerning youth access to social rights. In his spare time, Panourgiyas enjoys reading books and going to the theater. He is an active member of several NGOs that advocate for the rights of the hearing-impaired. He has been involved with the Council of the European Union EuroSimulation Athens, and his motto is: "Courage is knowing what not to fear."



TETIANA PILETSKA

European University Viadrina

Born and raised in Ukraine, Tetiana Piletska is currently an LL.M. student at the European University Viadrina in Germany. She is a graduate of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, where she received a B.A. in International Relations and an M.A. in International Law. Her passion for human rights is the result of her participation in the Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights in Montenegro and the “Opening the Gate: Social Inclusion of Roma Youth” project in the Czech Republic. She also worked on issues of human rights and the UN human rights policy during her internship at the United Nations Association of Germany, where she successfully published articles on hate crimes and discrimination against Crimean Tatars. Tetiana has also completed an internship at the Lviv City Council, Department of Information Policy and External Relations, and a fellowship at the German Bundestag within the International Parliamentary Scholarship Program.



ATIA QADER SADIQ

Goethe University in Frankfurt Main

Atia Qader Sadiq is a graduate student at the Goethe University in Frankfurt Main studying International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies with a special focus on Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. Atia is the daughter of members of a religiously persecuted Muslim minority in Pakistan who sought refuge in Europe in the 1980s. Born and raised in Germany, she seized her academic opportunities and was funded by a total of three academic foundations. Thanks to the first one, she could spend a year studying at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon. Atia is a member of the think tank and dialogue board Junge Islamkonferenz (Youth Islam Conference), the German Muslims of All Backgrounds Association (M.A.H.D.I.-e.V.), and also fosters interreligious dialogue as the local representative for interreligious dialogue at her local Ahmadiyya Muslim community. She is fluent in German, Urdu, English, Punjabi, and Hindi, and has basic knowledge of Arabic and French.



MICHAEL SCOTT

Morehouse College

Michael Scott is a student at Morehouse College studying Economics and Chinese Studies. A native from Rockville, Maryland, Michael enjoys exploring different cultures, as he fluently speaks Spanish, Portuguese, and currently studies Mandarin. In 2014, he was fortunate enough to research the intersection of gender and ethnicity in China, observing trends on gender inequality and human development of ethnic minorities. After presenting it in Kunming, China at the International Symposium on Poverty Reduction and Economic Development in Western China, Michael discovered more interest in research, specifically pertaining to minorities. At home, when he is not scuba-diving with his father, he is either cooking with his mother, or spending time with his two siblings.



ADAM STASIAK

University of Warsaw

Adam Stasiak is a recent graduate of Warsaw University. While pursuing his Master of Laws degree, he spent one year abroad at Stockholm University. He wrote his thesis at the Human Rights Institute in Warsaw. Interested in human rights under the Polish constitution, he joined a project where he could give classes to high school students on this topic. He recently spent some time in China where he joined Zhicheng Public Interest Law Firm, a leading Chinese NGO dealing with migrant workers and children's rights.



ZAAKIR TAMEEZ

University of Virginia

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Zaakir Tameez is a rising third-year student at the University of Virginia double majoring in Economics and Political and Social Thought. During high school, Zaakir plunged into community organizing by rallying students to create a school-district-wide organization described as "student government on steroids" by local news. At seventeen, he filed an amicus brief with the Texas Supreme Court using ordinary student stories to demonstrate inadequate school funding. Now in Virginia, he continues his work on education advocacy by serving on the Community Advisory Board for a local school district and by lobbying on behalf of his university's student council to protect financial aid in the Virginia General Assembly. For his academics, Zaakir spends most of his time studying economics from different disciplines – in the economics department and beyond. He is fascinated by the many perspectives and methodologies academics use to understand capitalism.



IASON TSOUKALAS

National & Kapodistrian University of Athens/DEREE - The American College of Greece

Iason Tsoukalas was born and raised in Athens, but he quickly gained his first international experience when his family moved to Brussels when he was six. He holds bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and a minor degree in Entrepreneurship Management from DERE, the American College of Greece. As a genuine traveler and researcher, he decided to apply for the Erasmus exchange program and spend a semester in Spain studying politics, law and economics at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. He is an AIESEC member and has participated in the EuroMUN simulation in Maastricht. After publishing his article on the immigration crisis he now wishes to expand his knowledge of human rights by participating in the Humanity in Action Fellowship. In the future he plans to pursue a master's in Public Policy and eventually make a positive contribution on a global level.



ELAINE VILORIO

Amherst College

Elaine Vilorio recently graduated from Amherst College with a double major in Black Studies and Latin American and Latinx Studies. Informed by her experience as a low-income Dominican immigrant in the U.S., she wants to devote her life to ending poverty. She believes every person has the right to good-quality housing, healthcare, food, and working conditions, among other things. Elaine loves research and has done quite a bit of it, including a statistics project at the University of Michigan on how teachers' identities influence their students' achievement and a senior thesis on the factors that influence students from her town to attend college. In August, she starts serving the city and county of San Francisco (SF) as an SF Fellow, where she will work as a city employee and attend learning and development sessions on the ways local government functions. Her ideal job would incorporate research and policy implementation.



MOHAMED KARAM YAHYA

Humboldt University of Berlin

Mohamed Karam Yahya was born and raised in Damascus, before moving with his family to Amman. He started his academic career studying English at the Arab College in Amman. After graduating in 2011, he pursued a B.A. in Literature and Cultural Studies at Hashimite University in Zara City, Jordan. Beside his studies, he was an active member of the university theater, which qualified him to play in several international and professional theater festivals. In 2013, he graduated from HU in Jordan and started his work career at Actionaid ARI as a community mobilizer at the Zaatari refugee camp. He is currently pursuing a master's in Political Science at Humboldt University of Berlin. He works for the European student union as a consultant and for Shared Studios (global communication project working in 40 countries around the globe). He is also an active volunteer for Jugend Rettet, Global Platform Actionaid.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

ANNE AULINGER

Anne Aulinger works as a research associate for Susann Rüttrich, Member of Parliament for the Social Democrats (SPD). There she is responsible for strategies against right-wing extremism, promotion of democracy, anti-radicalization as well as LGBTQI* rights. The main focus is currently on the Bundestag Inquiry Committee on the murders of the right-wing terrorist group NSU, where Susann Rüttrich is the vice chair. Aulinger holds an M.A. in Social Sciences from Humboldt University of Berlin. During her studies, she focused on social inequality, migration, and discrimination, topics that she seeks to apply in her long-standing practical work as a political educator. In her master's thesis, she explored the effects of gender-specific online harassment and the coping strategies of feminist online activists, particularly when dealing with threats of sexualized violence.

JOSHUA KWESI AIKINS

Joshua Kwesi Aikins is a political scientist at Kassel University and a Ph.D. candidate in History and Sociology at the Bielefeld Graduate School. His research interests include the interaction between western-style and indigenous political institutions in Ghana, post- and decolonial perspectives on 'development,' cultural and political representation of the African Diaspora, coloniality, and the politics of memory in Germany. Aikins is involved in various projects in both Germany and Ghana as an academic as well as an activist. As a Policy Officer with Diakonie Bundesverband he was tasked with coordinating and presenting the parallel report to Germany's state report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in May 2015. Aikins further works in both policy analysis and lobbying as a member of the Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Initiative Black People in Germany), where he advocates for data collection toward tracing, proving, and combating the effects of institutional racism. Aikins is involved in antiracist organizing, diaspora empowerment, and the ongoing struggle for a decolonial renaming of Berlin streets and a shift from colonial to anti- and decolonial commemoration in and beyond the German capital. In Ghana, his involvement spans conceptual and policy work, from serving as associate researcher for the Ghana Constitution Review Commission to the development and scientific lead for Ghana Vote Compass, Ghana's first Voter advice application for the December 2012 elections.

YASSER ALMAAMOUN

Yasser Almaamoun is a Syrian activist who has worked with the Center for Political Beauty in Berlin as its Press Speaker and Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2014. In his position at the center, he communicates the outcomes and debates of the Center's actions to the media. Almaamoun further participated in actions such as *Kindertransporthilfe* and *Die Toten kommen*. In addition to organizing new actions, he has also been engaged with bridging the gap between the refugee community and German society through his numerous presentations and public discussions since 2014. The second part of Almaamoun's life is architecture. In 2011, he graduated from the University of

Damascus, Syria and arrived in Germany in 2013. He managed to work in a Berliner architectural office and became a master's student at the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. He acted as a jury member of an architectural competition concerning Housing for Refugees in 2015 in Finland and in 2016 in Berlin.

SONJA BÖHME

Sonja Böhme acquired her diploma in History as well as in Northern European Languages, Culture and Politics at the University of Greifswald. She worked as a European Union consultant and a trainer for intercultural learning with experiences in the development and coordination of transnational projects in the areas of further education, youth exchange and youth information, in the coordination of a European network to prevent juvenile delinquency, and a national network against right-wing extremism. At the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ), Böhme has had program responsibility since 2002, taking over as Senior Program Manager in 2004, and then as an Adviser and Head of the unit *Acting for Human Rights* in 2010.

DR. MEHMET GÜRCAN DAIMAGÜLER

Dr. Mehmet Gürcan Daimagüler is a human rights lawyer. He is the founding partner of Daimagüler von Wistinghausen Lawyers, a law firm with offices in Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich, Hamburg, and Bonn. He is also one of the leading political and cultural activists on German-Turkish issues and was the first German of Turkish descent to be elected to the national board of a German political party, the Free Democratic Party (FDP). An outspoken advocate for an open society in Germany, he founded the first political advocacy group for Turkish immigrants in Germany in 1994. He also spearheads inter-religious dialogue in Germany, bridging, in particular, the Muslim-Jewish divide. As a co-plaintiff, he is representing several relatives of victims of a neo-Nazi terrorist cell (the National Socialist Underground) on trial in Munich. Daimagüler is an adjunct professor of the Bielefeld University Law Faculty, author of several books, and an expert on institutional racism and state crime. He holds a law degree from the University of Bonn, a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Heidelberg and a master's in Public Administration from Harvard University. He was a Lucius N. Littauer Fellow from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and World Fellow at Yale University.

DR. ANNA MARIA DROUMPOUKI

Dr. Anna Maria Droumpouki holds a B.A. in History and Archaeology, an M.A. in Museology, and a Ph.D. in Contemporary Greek and European History from the University of Athens. She was a visiting research scholar at the Simon-Dubnow Institute for Jewish History and Culture (Leipzig, 2009), and a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Research Centre for Modern History of Panteion University (Athens, 2014-16) working on "Repairing the Past: Holocaust Restitution in Greece" (in press). She is the author of *Monuments of Oblivion: Traces of the Second World War in Greece and in Europe* (Athens, 2014), and a founding member of the Workshop on the Study of Modern Greek Jewry. Currently she is a research assistant and scientific coordinator of the Greek-German Project "Memories of the Occupation in Greece" at Free University of Berlin. She edited the books *Thessaloniki during the Nazi Occupation*,

Potamos Editions, Athens, 2014 (introduced and edited in collaboration with Jason Chandrinos), and *War, Occupation, Resistance and Civil War: The long Shadow of the 1940s in Greece*. She is the Visual History Archive Administrator of the USC Shoah Foundation at the University of Athens.

DR. ANDREAS EBERHARDT

Dr. Andreas Eberhardt has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) since April 2016. The active shaping of a culture of memory, the promotion of democratic civil society in Europe, and the strengthening of international understanding are central to his work. Eberhardt studied Sociology, Political Science, Journalism, and Communications (M.A.). He received his doctorate from the University of Münster with a thesis on the processing of captivity and imprisonment in camps, and did research on prisoners' literature, biographical narratives, and on addressing experiences of persecution. He is a member of the Advisory Council on the "Alliance for Democracy and Tolerance - against Extremism and Violence," founded by the Federal Ministries of the Interior and Justice, and also of the Advisory Council of the foundation Brandenburgische Gedenkstätten.

PROF. DR. ANDREAS FELDTKELLER

Prof. Dr. Andreas Feldtkeller is Professor of Theology at Humboldt University of Berlin, where he also acted as Dean of the Faculty of Theology between 2007 and 2010. He is the author of numerous publications and has amongst other topics extensively written on the intersection of religion and pluralism and the intercultural histories of Christianity and Islam. Ordained a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1992, he was posted to serve in Amman, Jordan until 1995, where he simultaneously worked as a guest researcher at the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies. Prior to his undertakings at Humboldt University of Berlin, Feldtkeller worked as a research associate and adjunct professor at Heidelberg University. In 2008, he was awarded the Hans-Sigrist Award in the category *Religion - Claims to Truth - Conflicts - Theologies* for his international research contributions and has since 2010 been a liaison professor of the German National Academic Foundation. He obtained his university education in Evangelical Theology in Munich, Heidelberg, Tübingen, and Jerusalem.

MIRIAMNE FIELDS

Miriamne Fields grew up in Washington, DC and moved to Berlin in the early 1990s. She holds a bachelor's degree in History from Barnard College in New York City and a master's degree in History and English Literature from the TU Berlin. She has worked as a professional translator of German texts into English since 2001. Specializing in German history and culture, she has translated several books, articles, and museum exhibition texts on a range of topics, including Jewish life, the Nazi era, the Holocaust, East German history, the GDR secret police, as well as on contemporary German art and architecture. She also conducts tours in English at the Berlin Wall Memorial.

SILKE GEORGI

Silke Georgi works for the non-profit organization Sozialhelden (Social Heroes) in Berlin. The organization carries out creative projects that address social problems, with a focus on inclusion and diversity issues. Georgi has worked for a variety of non-profit organizations with refugees, in the fields of arms control, and women's rights. She co-authored *They were Our Neighbors*, a book about the Jewish Holocaust victims of the Dutch city Eindhoven. Georgi holds a bachelor's degree in Politics from Brandeis University in the United States and a law degree from the Free University of Berlin. Having grown up near Boston, Massachusetts, followed by an extended stay in the Netherlands, Georgi now calls Berlin home.

PROF. DR. VIOLA B. GEORGI

Prof. Dr. Viola B. Georgi holds the chair for Diversity Education at the University of Hildesheim. She is the Director of the Center for Diversity, Democracy and Inclusion in Education at the University of Hildesheim. Prior to this, Georgi was an associate professor for Intercultural Education at the Free University of Berlin. She has worked as a research assistant at the Department of Sociology and Education at Goethe-University Frankfurt and the Center for Applied Policy Research at Ludwig-Maximilians-University-Munich. In 2010, she served as a visiting scholar at York University in Toronto as well as a visiting scholar at Uppsala University in Sweden in 2015. Her research focuses on human rights education, diversity studies and citizenship education, migration and memory studies, educational media and textbook-analyses as well as intercultural school development and teacher education. She has profound international study and research experiences, among others at Harvard University in the U.S., the University of Bristol in England and Sabanci University in Turkey. Georgi is a member of a number of research commissions and boards and is engaged in various government and civil society initiatives within the field of migration and integration in Germany.

DR. JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN

Dr. Judith S. Goldstein founded Humanity in Action in 1998 and has served as its Executive Director ever since. Under Goldstein's leadership, Humanity in Action has organized educational programs on international affairs, diversity and human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, and the United States. She received her Ph.D. in History from Columbia University and was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar for her M.A. studies. Goldstein has written several books and articles on European and American history, art, and landscape architecture. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and several boards and advisory groups.

GÜLAY GÜN

Gülay Gün, M.A., studied History, Study of Religions and European Studies in Bremen, Frankfurt/Oder and Istanbul. From 2013 to 2014, Gün was one of the curators of the exhibition *Circassians – Dispersed from the Caucasus Across the World* at the Museum of Ethnology Hamburg. As an Alfred-Töpfer Foundation Fellow, she then joined the program Cultural Diversity and Migration in Museums at the Museum of Work in Hamburg. Since 2015, Gün has been working as a project manager at the same museum. Her main

project was the exhibition *Forced Labor. The Germans, the Forced Laborers and the War*, for which she also conceptualized and implemented the event program. The focus of Gün's interest is critical whiteness, collective memory, and culture of remembrance in a post-migrant society.

DR. RUSSELL ALT-HAAKER

Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker completed undergraduate work at Drake University as well as Humboldt University of Berlin and received his B.A. in German Literature from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2004. In 2006, he earned his M.A. from Washington University in St. Louis. Alt-Haaker returned to Germany from 2008 to 2009 after receiving a DAAD Research Grant to begin research on his dissertation *Coloring Catastrophe: De/Coding Color in Representations of the Holocaust*. His principal research interests include representations of the Shoah in film, photography, and literature, German-Jewish studies, visual theory, contemporary German-language literature, and translation studies. He defended his Ph.D. thesis in May 2013.

TAREK MOHAMED HASSAN

Tarek Mohamed Hassan is working as a political trainer and in social entrepreneurship. In 2015, he founded the Queer Refugees Network Leipzig, one of the first organizations in Germany to empower specifically LGBTIQ* people seeking asylum. Hassan works with the German UNESCO Commission e.V. as a political trainer and is a freelancer for antiracist and LGBTIQ* activism. In 2016, he organized the first BPoC Student Conference "#FormiertEuch" (Get in Formation). Working between the Middle East, East Asia, and Europe, he believes in strengthening the links between business and society. He believes in the power of social entrepreneurship to solve social and environmental issues by entrepreneurial means, and that intersectional perspectives have to be mainstreamed into businesses. This is why he is currently working with a Chinese-German consultancy to connect social entrepreneurs between China and Europe.

ERIC HAUBMANN

Reverend Eric Haubmann has served his ministry at St. Mary's Church in the center of Berlin since 2014. The Christian congregation at St. Mary's initiated the idea of the House of One and developed it together with its Jewish and Muslim partners up to its current state. Reverend Haubmann studied Protestant Theology in Berlin, Jerusalem, and Leipzig before he started his ministry in Potsdam. Since his studies, he has focused especially on Christian liturgy and service on interreligious cooperation. Reverend Haubmann also serves as member of the staff at the House of One.

JERRY HOFFMANN

Jerry Hoffmann was born in Hamburg to a Ghanaian father and a German mother. He is an actor and director, working for theater and film. He had his film debut at the age of 18 with *Shahada*. The movie had its world premiere at the competition of the 60th Berlin International Film Festival (IFF) and won several awards both in Germany and abroad. While completing his acting studies in Munich, London and Berlin, he worked at various theaters like the Volksbühne Berlin, the Maxim Gorki Theater, and the Schauspielhaus

Hamburg. Hoffmann has appeared in numerous films, including the leading role in *Heil*, a satire about Nazi Germany and racial profiling. His work brought him a nomination as best actor in a leading role at the IFF Munich; the movie premiered at the Karlovy Vary IFF and was selected in the competition of the Jerusalem IFF. After writing his thesis in 2015 about the history of black actors in Germany and structural racism in German film and theater, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and moved to Los Angeles to study film production. During his film studies he got inspired by virtual reality, for him an innovative art form. His first virtual reality (VR) short film *Celine* was awarded at the VRSC by USC and Walt Disney. Hoffmann lives in Berlin.

CHARLES M. HUBER

Charles M. Huber has been a member of the German Parliament for the Christian Democratic Union (CDU)/ Christian Social Union (CSU) since 2013. A dental technician, actor in a popular German public television series, author of *Ein Niederbayer im Senegal: Mein Leben zwischen zwei Welten* (*A Lower Bavarian in Senegal: My Life Between Two Worlds*), and father of four children, he brings with him a wide range of experiences that help him to understand different perspectives to issues. Huber serves as a member of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development, as an alternate member to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee in Economic Affairs and Energy as well as the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, and as Chairman of the parliamentary friendship group of English and Portuguese-speaking countries of Western and Central Africa. Previous to his parliamentary work he dedicated his time to consulting, including for the Ethiopian Tourism Minister and the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection's bilateral fund with the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. He is also the founder of Afrika Direkt, an organization created in 2002 which builds schools in Senegal and supports young people in finding and creating future perspectives in their home country.

DR. MATHIAS KAUFF

Dr. Mathias Kauff is a researcher at the University of Hagen. He studied psychology in Marburg and Oxford. During his Ph.D. studies he was a member of the graduate school *Group Focused Enmity*. In 2014, he became an Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation Fellow. Kauff's research focuses on intergroup relations, ethnic prejudice, attitudes towards diversity, and intergroup contact. His current research project is funded by the DFG (German Research Foundation) and investigates the ambivalent interplay between instrumentality-based valuing of diversity and attitudes towards out-group members. His work has been published in prestigious journals in the field of psychology and social sciences.

OZAN KESKINKILIÇ

Ozan Keskinkılıç is a Berlin-based activist and political scientist. He studied International Development at the University of Vienna with a focus on Critical Race Theory and Postcolonial Theory. In his research, Keskinkılıç analyzes anti-Muslim racism in historical contexts and intersections to other forms of inequality. He is especially interested in critical approaches to antiracist resistance, solidarity, and empowerment. Since 2014, Keskinkılıç is an assistant

to the practical-research project *Sites of Memory. Lost and Entangled Narratives* at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, where he researches post-colonial cultures of remembrances and marginalized narratives in Germany. He is an alumnus of the Muslim Jewish Conference (MJC) and founding member of the Salaam-Shalom Initiative in Berlin. Keskinkılıç gives lectures and leads workshops on colonial history, anti-Muslim racism, antisemitism, and critical Jewish-Muslim relations. His most recent publication "Anti-Muslim Racism" (with Iman Attia) is featured in Paul Mecheril's *Handbook for the Pedagogy of Migration* (2016).

LORENZ NARKU LAING

Lorenz Narku Laing is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin 2014) and a member of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action Germany. Laing is the Founder of Vielfaltsprojekte, a platform for diversity consulting and peer diversity training. He has led seminars for Bread for the World, among other non-profits, and held keynotes at national conferences for front-running organizations such as Amnesty International and the Sportjugend. Since Laing loves moving between sectors, he interned with the United Nations Secretariat, wrote a blog for the regional newspaper Frankfurter Neue Presse, has four years of experience as a social worker, and had a summer job at Debevoise and Plimpton. Laing is a Hans-Böckler Foundation Fellow, receives the LEIZ-Bursary for Leadership Excellence, and is a Network Inclusion Leader. Recently, he was invited as a Leader of Tomorrow to the prestigious St. Gallen Symposium. He holds a B.A. in Sociology and Law from the University of Frankfurt and is finishing his M.A. PAIR at Zeppelin University. He studied abroad with the generous support of scholarships at the University of Zürich and King's College London.

ARMIN LANGER

Armin Langer grew up in Sopron, Hungary. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies from the Eötvös Lorand University in Budapest, and a B.A. in Jewish Theology from the University of Potsdam. Langer also studied Talmud at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Currently, he is an M.A. student of Jewish Theology in Potsdam and works as a cantor and teacher for Jewish communities in Berlin, Budapest, and Vienna. He is the Co-Founder and Coordinator of the Salaam-Shalom Initiative. Several of Langer's articles on antisemitism and anti-Muslim racism have been published in German, Hungarian, English, and Arabic print and online newspapers including die ZEIT, Frankfurter Rundschau, and Deutsche Welle.

MOUNIRA LATRACHE

Mounira Latrache is the Founder of Connected Business, a company that focuses on creating communities and supporting business people to bring compassion and mindfulness into their work life. She has facilitated the Search Inside Yourself leadership training at Google around the world. Her vision is to find a way to work that includes the diversity and passion of the whole person. Before launching Connected Business, Latrache headed the YouTube Space Berlin as well as YouTube Public Relations for Austria, Germany, and Switzerland while dedicating 20% of her work time to spreading Mindfulness at Google. Latrache has over 15 years of management experience leading international brands including Red Bull and BMW. She is also a business

coach, Forrest Yoga teacher, and facilitates mindful leadership trainings across the world.

JOBST MORITZ PANKOK

Jobst Moritz Pankok is a German scenographer, director, curator, and fine artist. Pankok is interested in socially engaging art projects, often linked to the Sinti and Roma cultures. He is Artistic Director and Founder of the first permanent gallery for the contemporary art of the Sinti and Roma, Galerie Kai Dikhas - Place To See in Berlin (www.kaidikhas.com). He is Head of the theater association TAK Theater Aufbau Kreuzberg presenting among others various art projects from the MENA region under the title Spring Lessons (www.springlessons.org). Pankok is also the Co-Chair of the Otto-Pankok-Art Foundation running the Otto-Pankok-Museum, archive, and estate.

PAULA PETERS

In 2012, Paula Peters founded the international petition platform Change.org in Germany. Under her leadership Change.org Germany grew up from 60,000 to almost 2,5 million users in a little over a year. During that time Peters was the initiator or driving force behind many global campaigns such as #bringbackourgirls or the renowned manifesto "Writers Against Mass Surveillance." In her tenure at Change.org Peters has worked in several roles; since January 2017 she is the Regional Director of Europe, Turkey, Russia, and Australia, responsible for half of Change.org's user base. Peters is a frequent speaker at large conferences where she talks about how the web creates new forms of empowerment and participation. She spoke at the Global Media Forum of Deutsche Welle, at the Mexican Senate, at the "World Forum for Democracy" of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, at the renowned Think Tank Gottfried Duttweiler Institute or most recently at the Campaigning Summit in Switzerland. Previously, Peters was responsible for social media and online campaigning at WWF and Greenpeace.

LYRA PRAMUK

Lyra Pramuk is a singer, composer-producer, and performance artist. She was born and raised in rural Pennsylvania, studied classical music in upstate New York, and has called Berlin home for the last three years. In her songwriting, collaborations, and performance work, she embodies the search for sensual mysticism and transcendent expression of the self within the emotional confines of global capitalism and our ever-more-heavily corporatized digital realms. In both her personal and artistic practices, she commits to feeling, empathy, and listening as the central pathways to self-actualization as well as any affirmative, collective action.

PROF. DR. NIVEDITA PRASAD

Prof. Dr. Nivedita Prasad is a Professor at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin, where she focuses on methods of social work and gender-specific social work. Prasad is particularly active on the issue of asylum seekers housing in Berlin-Hellersdorf, which has been the target of several racist attacks and far-right protests since its opening in summer 2013. Born in Madras, India, Prasad studied Social Pedagogy at the Free University of Berlin and received her Ph.D. from the Carl von Ossietzky University in

Oldenburg. In 2012, she was awarded the first Anne Klein Women's Award from the Heinrich Böll Foundation for her ongoing dedication to the human rights of migrant women. Prasad has been teaching at various universities in Germany, the Netherlands, and Austria since 1993. She has furthermore led trainings for police officers, judges, prosecutors, and lawyers. In 2010, she became the Director of the Social Work as a Human Rights Profession master's program at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin.

JASMIN RAZZOUK

Jasmin Razzouk is a trans woman, refugee, and student from Morocco. She came to Germany in 2012 for her studies, whilst fleeing a society and a country where LGBTIQ people suffer from intolerance and a lack of human rights protection. She started her male-to-female transition in Germany. She sought asylum in 2015 and was granted refugee status in the same year. In her process, Razzouk had support from different organizations, including the Queer Refugees Network Leipzig. In her journey, she faced bullying in school, racism, sexism, and trans*phobia. Now, she wants to fight back for people like her and the Arab Transgender Community. Razzouk is also a trans sex worker and feminist. She believes in an inclusive feminism, gender equality, and a world without patriarchy, especially in the Arab world, where women and LGBTIQ* still face social injustice. After an exhausting bureaucratic transition and asylum processes, she wants to continue her studies in aeronautical engineering in Germany and prepare for her sex reassignment surgery.

PAULA RIEDEMANN

Paula Riedemann is a lawyer and holds a Magister degree in Public Policies and a master's degree in Intercultural Education. While working for the Chilean Ministry of Justice, she served as General Secretary of the national network of public offices supporting victims of crime. She previously gained professional experience in the areas of consumer rights and access to justice. For over ten years she worked as a lawyer and a consultant for a Chilean NGO, which engages with social participation in literature and art projects; in 2011 she became a member of the board. Since March 2013, Riedemann works as a project coordinator and researcher at the Berlin-based NGO Ban Ying, an organization that supports migrant women who have suffered trafficking or exploitation. Her main areas of work include conducting trainings and talks, undertaking public relations and doing advocacy work at a national and international level, conducting research and doing counseling work.

DR. JOAN RINGELHEIM

Dr. Joan Ringelheim attended Oberlin Conservatory in 1957-58 where she majored in music. In 1959 she transferred to Boston University from which she received her B.A. degree in 1961 with a major in History. She received a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Boston University in 1968. She taught philosophy at DePauw University, Northeastern University, Connecticut College, University of Bridgeport, and SUNY Stony Brook. During this period two major foci emerged in her teaching and research: the Holocaust and feminist theory. Together they opened up a new area of investigation – Women and the Holocaust. In 1982-83 she received The American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, a Kent Fellowship from the Center for Humanities at Wesleyan

University; and a grant from The New York Council for the Humanities to produce the first conference on Women and the Holocaust. Her publications include: "The Unethical and the Unspeakable: Women and the Holocaust" in *The Simon Wiesenthal Annual* (Vol. I, 1984); *Women and the Holocaust--a Reconsideration of Research* in *Signs* (Summer, 1985, Vol. 10, Number 4), with a revised version in *Women and the Holocaust, Different Voices* edited by C. Rittner and J. Roth, (Paragon Press, 1993), and "The Split Between Gender and the Holocaust" in *Women in the Holocaust*, edited by D. Ofer and L. Weitzman (Yale University Press, 1998). She was hired by the United States Holocaust Museum in 1989 and served in a number of capacities: Research Director for the Permanent Exhibition, Director of Education, and Director of Oral History. She retired from the Museum in 2007. In 1996, she met Judith Goldstein and began a long and fruitful association with Thanks to Scandinavia, and most especially, Humanity in Action. From 1998 until 2008, she helped lead the American and European Humanity in Action Fellows in their tours of the Permanent Exhibition of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as well as in seminars to discuss questions relevant to the exhibition, the History of the Holocaust and contemporary subjects. This association with Humanity in Action and with Judy Goldstein has been among the most important and satisfactory parts of her career.

FLORIAN RÜCKER

With a background in the social sciences (University College Maastricht), international development (University of Cambridge), and web development, Florian Rücker focuses on technological solutions to societal problems. Previously, he conceptualized and programmed a corruption complaints system in Nairobi with the German development agency, now widely implemented throughout Kenya. At Kiron, Rücker was a core product manager, coordinating between the developers, curriculum team, and the students themselves to ensure that Kiron's core product is designed according to students' needs, goals, and motivations.

DR. HENRIETTE RYTZ

Dr. Henriette Rytz is a foreign policy advisor to Cem Özdemir, member of the German Bundestag, and head of the German Green Party. Before joining his team, she worked as a researcher at Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik/German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), a Berlin based foreign policy think tank. Rytz has published widely on questions of foreign policy, U.S. domestic politics, and immigration and integration, including a book that came out in 2013 ("Ethnic Interest Groups in U.S. Foreign-Policy Making: A Cuban-American Story of Success and Failure," New York: Palgrave Macmillan). Her passion for U.S. politics and transatlantic relations has repeatedly taken her to the U.S. for longer work stints, including at the House of Representatives (as a Lantos-Humanity in Action Fellow), the American Institute of Contemporary German Studies in Washington, DC, and Yale University. Rytz holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and an M.A. in International Relations from the Free University of Berlin. Rytz is a member of the board of Humanity in Action Germany and a Senior Fellow (Berlin 2005).

PARWIZ SHAFIZADA

Parwiz Shafizada arrived in Berlin in late October 2015. While living in the Tempelhofer Feld refugee shelter, he slowly became the social hub of the Afghani community there. His valued English skills, in addition to his kind and considerate personality, put him in the center of the on-site social fabric. He would help wherever he could, from organizing access to German courses to cooking for his community and motivating his fellows to do sports. All of this entitled him to be called Momo, an affectionate abbreviation for uncle in the Dari language. Thus, he caught the attention of Interkular and was recruited as the first-ever refugee integration guide. Shafizada's important work bridges cultural differences between Berliners-to-be and their host society. In this way, he accelerates and facilitates integration on both sides.

MONA SHAIR-WLOCH

Mona Shair-Wloch is the Founder and Managing Director of key2advance with clients in the private, public, education, and diplomatic sectors. Shair-Wloch is passionate about helping people discover and develop their true potential via coaching, training, and consulting. She has created a series of workshops around high performance, communication, university-to-work transition, and public speaking for both teams and individuals. She uses a variety of effective techniques and the latest research findings whilst being engaging, creative, and fun. In addition to managing key2advance, Shair-Wloch delivers a series of workshops and executive coaching for Fortune 500 companies on an international, divisional, and local levels and has a good understanding of the corporate and operational sides of various businesses. She further worked as Program Director of the Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellowship from 2006-2014. Having lived and gained experience in the Middle East, Europe, and North America, Shair-Wloch brings an intercultural sensitivity and understanding to her work. She has native level in English, German, and Arabic.

LEON VALENTIN SCHETTLER

Leon Valentin Schettler is currently a research associate at the Collaborative Research Center "Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood" – a science-based think tank for foreign and development policies. His Ph.D. focuses on transnational social movement strategies and the evolution of human rights accountability at Multilateral Development Banks. He also teaches courses on "the Role of Norms in IR" at Potsdam University. Prior to this, Schettler obtained his B.A. at the Liberal Arts College at Maastricht University (UCM) and an M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies from Uppsala University, where he focused on the causes of violent conflict and possibilities for their prevention. Throughout his academic journey, Schettler dealt extensively with processes of radicalization from opposition to dissidence. His article "A Call for Recognition - On the causes of Political Islamism in Western Europe" was published in 2016 in JEX, a journal for de-radicalization and democratic culture.

DR. DIRK SCHMALENBACH

Dr. Dirk Schmalenbach is a partner at the Frankfurt and Berlin offices of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, a multinational law firm. He is known for

his work on complex multi-party corporate and finance transactions. His recent focus has been on cross-border financings, advising German and international clients on debt and equity financings in particular, as well as on public and private M&A transactions. Several of the transactions he has worked on have been identified as “Deals of the Year.” He has also been named a leading asset finance lawyer in numerous industry publications. His industry expertise is particularly strong in the aviation and finance sectors where he acts as relationship partner and trusted adviser for some of the firm’s most valued clients. He is a member of the firm’s Finance Practice Group, which he led from 2003-09 as global co-head. Schmalenbach is a member of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action, Inc. and is the Chairman of Humanity in Action Germany.

DR. SABINE SCHIFFER

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