
TIME TO ACT

Addressing Antisemitism in Our Societies

Conference and Action Academy, Berlin, October 24 - 27, 2019

>> Welcome

This summer, Humanity in Action invited grant proposals from its alumni – Senior Fellows – for civil society projects that aim to counter Antisemitism within a broad range of issues that deeply impact our societies. Their projects aim at providing information about historical and present-day forms of Antisemitism, prevention, creating meeting spaces between people with Jewish and non-Jewish identities, linking history and remembrance with the present, developing information and prevention campaigns (empowerment, awareness raising, story telling) as well as targeted resistance to Antisemitic statements or actions. This Conference and Action Academy taking place in Berlin, October 24-27, 2019, brings the teams together for heart- and brainstorming, networking, refining and reshaping elements of their projects and for creating community. Renowned speakers will share keynote speeches on the situation in Germany, Poland and the United States. Workshops and Open Space formats provide ample opportunity to discuss project ideas, brainstorm further, and be inspired by other teams. We wish all participants and guests a productive and insightful time.

>> Thursday, October 24, 2019

Time to Act: Addressing Antisemitism in Our Societies

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| <u>Location</u> | Conference Center WeiberWirtschaft, 4th Floor, Room 1 (Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin) |
| 18:00 | Arrival at Conference Venue, Conference Registration |
| 18:30 | <i>Opening Remarks</i> , Monika Mazur-Rafał and Antje Scheidler, National Directors, Humanity in Action Poland and Germany |
| 18:45 | <i>Welcome</i> , Dr. Andreas Eberhardt, Chief Executive Director, Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” |
| 19:00-20:00 | <i>Making Polish History Great Again. On the Political Use and Abuse of the Shoa</i> , Konstanty Gebert, International Reporter and Columnist at Gazeta Wyborcza |
| 20:00-21:00 | Light Snacks & Networking |

>> Friday, October 25, 2019

Conference: Antisemitism in Europe and the US

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| <u>Location</u> | Conference Center WeiberWirtschaft, 5th Floor, Room 5 (Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin) |
| 9:00 | Arrival, Conference Registration & Coffee/Tea Time |
| 9:15 | <i>Introduction to the Day</i> , Antje Scheidler, Humanity in Action Germany |
| 9:30-10:00 | <i>The Truth of the Future: Reflections on Antisemitism</i> Dr. Judith S. Goldstein, Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action |
| 10:05-10:40 | Project Pitches 1 & 2 & 3 >> <i>Local Narratives of Diversity in Action – Against Urban Antisemitism and Social Exclusion</i> , Aleksandra Wilczura >> <i>Interfaith Learning to Promote Diversity at Emory University</i> , Zoe Robbin (Fellow) >> <i>Rebuilding Joyful and Resilient Jewish Communities</i> , Emmanuelle Herman (Senior Fellow) |
| 10:45-12:00 | <i>Antisemitism & Polish Identity: An Unresolved Puzzle?</i> Zuzanna Radzik, Theologian, Publicist and Blogger |
| 12:15-14:00 | Lunch Break: Restaurant heimlichTreu (Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin) |
| 14:00-14:25 | Project Pitches 4 & 5 >> <i>ZYD: An Exhibition & Event Series</i> , Michelle Shofet and Marissa Schneiderman (Senior Fellows) >> <i>As ma b Germania? Sababa!?</i> , Anne Aulinger (Senior Fellow) & Nimrod Levin |
| 14:30-16:00 | <i>Antisemitism in Germany: Its Forms and Characteristics</i> , Deborah Krieg, Deputy Director, Anne Frank Educational Center, Frankfurt/Main |
| 16:00-16:30 | Coffee Break |
| 16:35-17:10 | Project Pitches 6 & 7 & 8 >> <i>Going Beyond the Perpetrator Narrative: Increasing Depth and Empathy in German Holocaust Education</i> , Sydney Eisenberg and Rose Reiken (Fellows) |

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>> *Get Active in Your Neighborhood!*, Eva Degler (Senior Fellow)

>> *Raising Awareness about the “Aryanization” of the Hermann Tietz Company (later Hertie) and the Antisemitic expropriation of the Tietz Family*, Alexander Busold (Senior Fellow)

17:15-18:15 Debriefing in Groups

18:15-18:40 Project Pitches 9 & 10

>> *Hashtag #AntisemitismIsNoGame*, Gerrit Reininghaus (Senior Fellow) & Pearl Zare

>> *Time to Act: Addressing Antisemitism in Nebraska*, Łukasz Niparko (Senior Fellow)

18:45 Wrap-Up: Evening News

Networking Evening: Humanity in Action Community and Guests

19:15 *Welcome to the German Humanity in Action Community*, Barbara Orth and Anne Aulinger, Members of the Board of Directors

19:15-21:00 Dinner and Networking

>> Saturday, October 26, 2019

Open Space: Shaping a Project — From Rough Stone to Gem

Location Conference Center WeiberWirtschaft, 5th Floor, Room 5
(Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin)

9:45 Arrival & Coffee/Tea Time

10:00 *Introduction to the Day*, Antje Scheidler, Humanity in Action Germany

10:15-11:00 *Introduction to the Open Space Format*, Linnea Riensberg, Moderator and Trainer (Senior Fellow, Board Member)

11:00-12:30 *Open Space Session I*

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break @ Restaurant Lemon Grass
(Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin)

14:00-15:30 *Open Space Session II*

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 *Open Space Session III*

17:30-18:00 *Wrap-Up: Evening News*, Linnea Riensberg, Moderator and Trainer

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>> Sunday, October 27, 2019

Empowerment through Inspiration and Skills Building

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| 9:15 | Arrival & Coffee/Tea Time |
| 9:30 | <i>Introduction to the Day</i> , Monika Mazur-Rafał, Humanity in Action Poland |
| 9:45-10:45 | <i>Open Space Revisited: Next Steps</i> , Linnea Riensberg, Moderator and Trainer |
| 11:00-13:00 | <u>Parallel Workshops</u> (descriptions see page 5) >> Workshop 1: <i>Trust the Process, Begin Anywhere: A Tool Kit for Creative Practice and Cultural Collaboration</i> , Michelle Shofet, Artist and Designer, and Marissa Schneiderman, Writer and Artist (Senior Fellows) >> Workshop 2: <i>Community Organizing Strategies 101</i> Tara Dickman, Le Next Level, Trainer and Coach (Senior Fellow) |
| 13:30-15:00 | Lunch @ Restaurant Zula (Husemannstr. 10, 10435 Berlin) |
| 15:30-17:30 | <u>Parallel Workshops</u> (descriptions see page 5) >> Workshop 3: <i>Social Media Done Right: Strategies for Facebook, Twitter and Other Platforms You Never Heard Of!</i> Yonatan Miller, Software Developer and Social Media Expert >> Workshop 4: <i>SIGN - A Live-Action Roleplaying Game About How Deaf Children in Nicaragua Created their Own Sign Language – and What We Can Learn From Such Games About Preparing the Ground for Human Rights Discussions</i> , Gerrit Reininghaus, Mathematician and Philosopher (Senior Fellow) and Pearl Zare, Performance Artist |
| 17:30-18:00 | Project Teams' Meeting |
| 18:00-18:30 | Evening News & Wrap-Up |
| 18:30 | End of the Conference |

Skills Building through Workshops

Learn more about the workshops offered in parallel sessions on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

>> **Trust the Process, Begin Anywhere: A Tool Kit for Creative Practice and Cultural Collaboration**

Marissa Schneiderman & Michelle Shofet (Humanity in Action Senior Fellows)

In 2016, Michelle Shofet and Marissa Schneiderman sewed the seeds for their alternative "guidebook" on Jewish culture in contemporary Poland. Using methodologies such as field recording, visual documentation, oral history and etching, they created a multimedia art piece entitled, *Żyd: An Index of Encounters*—a work intended to foster empathy and connectivity across cultures. The intention of this workshop is to inspire and inform others on how to implement into their own projects a variety of research methodologies designed to enrich any topic of exploration.

>> **SIGN — A Live-Action Roleplaying Game About How Deaf Children in Nicaragua Created their Own Sign Language — and What We Can Learn From Such Games About Preparing the Ground for Human Rights Discussions**

Gerrit Reininghaus (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) & Pearl Zare

SIGN is an award-winning freeform larp, a live-action roleplaying game. We will go through a personal and emotional experience by roleplaying deaf kids in 1977 Nicaragua, embedded in a prepared, respectful and safe space. After the game, we use the momentum of this shared experience for a broader discussion on the role of emotional game design in human rights discussions.

>> **Social Media Done Right: Strategies for Facebook, Twitter and Other Platforms You Never Heard Of!**

Yonatan Miller

Absolute beginners and intermediate social media users alike will benefit from this interactive and highly visual workshop. You will learn what social media platforms are tailored best for your needs and how to fuel them. You will get an introduction to advanced topics like engagement, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), analytics and finding the perfect avatar and aspect ratio for images. You will learn from the best and worst on social media platforms today! #YOLO

>> **Community Organizing Strategies 101**

Tara Dickman (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

In this workshop, participants will look at this US civil rights movements with fresh eyes and learn the basic steps towards organizing sustainable change in the face of injustice. They will then go through the process of applying these principles and steps to current affairs in their own environment.

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Andreas Eberhardt

CEO, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future“ (Foundation EVZ)

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.



Konstanty Gebert

International Reporter and Columnist at Gazeta Wyborcza

Konstanty Gebert is an Associate Fellow at the European Council for Foreign Relations and an international reporter and columnist at Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland's largest daily publication. During the 1970s, he was a democratic opposition activist and organizer of the Jewish Flying University; while in the 1980s, under martial law, he was an underground journalist. He covered the Bosnian War between 1992 and 1995 for Polish and international media. He is the co-founder of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews and the founder of Midrasz, a monthly Polish Jewish intellectual publication. Konstanty Gebert serves as a board member for Paideia in Stockholm; for the Einstein Forum in Potsdam and for the Advisory Board of the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund in Amsterdam. He has taught across Poland, Israel and the United States. He has authored ten books that examine topics such as the Polish democratic transformation, French policy toward Poland, the Yugoslav wars, the wars of Israel, Torah commentary and post-war Polish Jewry. His essays have appeared in two dozen publications in Poland and abroad, and his articles have been featured in newspapers around the world.

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Dr. Judith S. Goldstein

Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action, Inc.

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 PhD 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.



Deborah Krieg

Deputy Director, Anne Frank Educational Center

Deborah Krieg studied History in Frankfurt/Main. Since then she has worked at the *Bildungszentrum Anne Frank (Anne Frank Educational Center)* in various positions — as Board Member, freelancer and educator. In 2013, Deborah became the Deputy Director of the Center. Her work focuses on counseling in post-migrant societies, civic and historical learning. She curated the exhibition „Anne Frank. Tomorrow more”.

Zuzanna Radzik

Theologian, Publicist and Blogger

Zuzanna Radzik is Vice President of the Forum For Dialogue, an organization dedicated to inspiring new connections between contemporary Poland and the Jewish people. She deals with Christian-Jewish dialogue and feminist theology. Zuzanna studied Catholic Theology at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Warsaw (MA & STL) and Religious Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (MA). She specializes in Christian-Jewish relations. Since 2003 she has been contributing to the Catholic weekly “Tygodnik Powszechny”, where she writes in areas of faith, Christian-Jewish relations, Judaism, Polish-Jewish issues and Catholic feminism. Her blog “Jews & Witches” is available on the weekly's platform. In 2015 she published a book about feminist efforts in the Catholic Church.



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Workshop Trainers

Tara Dickman is a community organizer, strategy consultant and trainer specialized in inclusion and social justice. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from 2007. Tara was trained in organizing in Chicago in 2010 and has lead several local and national campaigns since. From 2010 to 2016, she organized a nationwide campaign against racial profiling in France involving several Humanity in Action Senior Fellows. The campaign resulted in France being found guilty of racial discrimination and several bills presented in the French Parliament on collecting data on stop and search practices. Today, with her non-profit organization Le Next Level, Tara is a strategist and a community organizer for projects fostering equal rights and opportunities and social cohesion. She is also a certified civil servant trainer on inclusive management, discrimination, and the implications of secularism in the workplace.



Yonatan Miller (he/him) is an activist turned technologist from New York. He moved to Berlin in 2015 and is involved with social movements in *the streets* and *the tweets*. He is a software developer and co-founded the [Berlin Tech Workers Coalition](#). When he is not rabble rousing, he can be found online sharing cat memes on Twitter [@shushugah](#).

Gerrit Reininghaus is active in analogue game design and is using games as empowerment tools. Gerrit holds a Master in Mathematics and Philosophy and a Master in Public Administration /Policy. He has worked for several years in international management consultancy in the financial services industry, was CEO of a software cooperative and has spent the last years with his family in rural Guatemala. He is a board member of the *Archiv der Jugendkulturen (Archive of Youth Cultures)* and of the local Social Democratic Party division in Bonn. His games have been published in the Gauntlet Codex magazine, for RollInclusive or can be found for free on his homepage www.alles-ist-zahl.de. Gerrit is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from 2006.





Linnea Riensberg works as process designer, facilitator, and coach for non-profits and political organizations. Previously she was Executive Director of *Publixphere e.V.*, where she tried to form political discussion in a more attractive way. While at university studying Journalism, Communications, and Philosophy, she developed political and historical participation and media projects for youth and produced pieces for print media and broadcasting. After completing her degree, Linnea first worked with digital human rights under an Italian representative in the European Parliament and later at *Digitale Gesellschaft e.V.* Linnea is a board member of Humanity in Action Germany and a Senior Fellow of the Berlin Fellowship in 2011.

Marissa Sophia Schneiderman is a writer, artist, oral historian, and radio producer living in Maine. She was raised in an inter-generational and multicultural household in Los Angeles, which led to a love of diverse voices and stories. She has produced work on such varied topics as Spiro Agnew, grandmothers, and the future of technology. You can listen to her handiwork via her website, www.hellomarissa.com. Marissa is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from 2009.



Michelle Shofet is co-founder of Nocturnal Medicine—an art and design studio that creates experiences, spaces & media for working through the social & emotional challenges of radical environmental change. Her research interests include themes of abject landscapes, cultural memory and identity politics. She earned her Masters in Landscape Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and approaches her research through the lens of the built environment. Michelle is based in New York City. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from 2011.

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Pearl Zare is a performance artist presently located in Las Vegas, NV. Her current focus is on using various creative media and narrative games specifically to explore themes of grief and trauma. Antisemitism is one of the topics on which she has been independently focusing as the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, including her maternal grandfather, who escaped Auschwitz to become the cantor at what was then the only Jewish temple in Las Vegas. His love of music inspired Pearl, and she considers her career as a performer and her work fighting Antisemitism to be a part of carrying on his legacy.

