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From Amsterdam to Strasbourg:

Towards an Inclusive Society for All

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Resistance does not start with big words  
but with small deeds [...]  
Asking yourself a question  
and then asking that question to others.

- ***Remco Campert*** -

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can  
change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- ***Margaret Mead*** -

I think the importance of doing activist work is precisely because it allows  
you to give back and to consider yourself not as a single individual who  
may have achieved whatever but to be a part of an ongoing historical  
movement.

- ***Angela Davis*** -

## Welcome Letter > > > >

Humanity in Action empowers young emerging leaders to actively promote human rights, inclusivity, democracy and the Rule of Law around the globe. Since being founded in 1997, Humanity in Action has worked tirelessly to instil the values of human dignity and moral responsibility for minority rights in this era's social, cultural and political leaders. Humanity in Action's transatlantic network today consists of over 1,700 leaders committed to fostering active citizenship.

Since 1999, Humanity in Action The Netherlands has proudly collaborated with their colleagues at the Humanity in Action offices in Denmark and the United States, and since the early and mid-2000s with the offices in Berlin, Paris, Warsaw and Sarajevo. Collectively, we educate a vibrant and diverse network of talented youth on collective history and its linkages to current affairs. We connect them to a growing network across the globe and inspire them to take action.

The Amsterdam Fellowships traditionally take the Second World War and the Holocaust - a devastating example of the collapse of democracy and the denial of minority rights - as a starting point. The program then moves on to more recent developments, rigorously exploring carefully selected societal topics from different angles. The program is interdisciplinary, putting Fellows in touch with e.g. academics, journalists, politicians, and grass roots activists. This bridges the gap between theory and practice. The program allows for practical translations of skills and knowledge into action.

The 2018 Fellowship takes Fellows on a historical journey from Amsterdam to Strasbourg. We facilitate a collective exploration of 'our' collective history, including colonialism and the history of slavery, 'our' collective identity and the resultant processes of in- and exclusion today. We investigate its impact on emerging political and social polarization in The Netherlands, Europe and beyond.

As new as well as old unresolved challenges threaten our democratic societies, the Fellowships are more imperative than ever. Promoting open and constructive dialogue is key to actualize truly inclusive societies. Such dialogue fosters understanding and allows for disagreement as well. Conceptions of 'political correctness' differ widely. Hence, we consider dialogue between our transatlantic Fellows one of the most important ingredients of the Humanity in Action experience.

The Humanity in Action Amsterdam Fellowship exists because of our great supporters. We are deeply thankful to Stichting Democratie en Media for supporting us for many years, and greatly appreciate the continued assistance of the US Embassy and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. We welcome the Chocolonely Foundation and thank them for their support. We are grateful to all Senior Fellows, host families, friends, partners, speakers, volunteers, sponsors and our Board for their continued engagement and believing in the action Humanity in Action inspires.

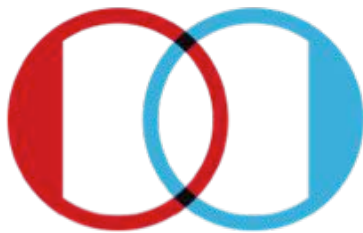
We are proud to welcome our 2018 cohort to The Netherlands, to advance a truly inclusive society, in this country and across the globe.



Laura Lasance

National Director  
Humanity in Action Nederland

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# 1. Themes and Topics > > > >

## Introduction Weekend >> >> >>

### Building a Strong Community

The success of a Fellowship depends to a large extent on the strength of the community that the Fellows build together. The learning objectives can only be reached by openly and respectfully sharing knowledge, actively engaging in dialogue and debate, and by expressing the willingness to learn from each other.

It is therefore crucial that the Fellows operate as a collective, as a strong community with a culture characterized by healthy discussion. It is key all Fellows feel they can contribute from their personal perspectives, also - and most importantly - allowing for space for respectful disagreement; an inclusive Fellowship that is exemplary for the type of society we strive for together.

During the introduction days of the Fellowship, Fellows will get to know each other and discuss the Code of Conduct, to support the Fellow community culture in the weeks to follow. The Fellows receive training in creating productive group dynamics, conflict resolution, and personal leadership.



## **Week 1** > > > >

### **The History of the Holocaust & the Politics of Memory**

Human rights, inclusivity and democracy are historical constructs that are not self-evident, or even uncontested. We often draw our common moral norms and values from so called lessons from the past; lessons often learned the hard way, from war and other atrocities. But is it possible to make such a link between history and present? And if so, from which particular history are we learning?

The first week of the Humanity in Action Amsterdam Fellowship 2018 focuses on the relationship between the history of the Holocaust and the contemporary human rights discourse. Furthermore, it explores the process of collective memory construction (politics of memory), and zoom in on historical narratives that have been neglected - or not fully acknowledged - as being part of collective Dutch and European History.

### **The Holocaust & Human Rights**

Fellows start their journey at the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam. A special location, not just because of its unique history, but also because it offers visitors an individual perspective from which the history of the Holocaust is told. A narrative people can identify with. Furthermore, the educational mission of the Anne Frank Museum is to connect this history to contemporary issues such as racism, Islamophobia, and antisemitism in The Netherlands. During this first part of the journey from Amsterdam to Strasbourg, Fellows will learn how and why the Holocaust has had a major impact on our contemporary discourses on human rights, inclusivity and democracy.

### **The Holocaust & Collective Memory**

The Second World War and the Holocaust are integral to the Dutch and European memory culture. After the war The Netherlands adopted the (partly mythical) narrative of being 'small, but plucky', referring to active resistance against German occupation. It was a narrative of victimhood and bravery, ignoring the less heroic chapters on active and passive collaboration. In short, The Netherlands (as did most European countries) constructed and institutionalized (in curricula for example) a collective memory from a very selective reading of history; a memory on which the Dutch post-war identity was built.

Not just on a national level, but also on a European (or even global) level the Holocaust has been put forward as the cornerstone of a collective identity. Is it possible to construct a

transnational identity on the basis of a historical narrative that is interpreted differently in almost every single European country?

## **Forgotten Histories & the Politics of Memory**

As we have established, the Second World War and the Holocaust are a fundamental part of Dutch, European, and one might even say global, collective memory and identity. But are these the only histories we can learn from in the context of human rights, inclusivity and democracy? Due to the changing demography and the emancipation of minority groups within The Netherlands and Europe, other historical narratives now ask for our attention and acknowledgement. By focusing on the history of slavery and colonialism, and Dutch war crimes in the former Dutch-Indies, the program demonstrates that confrontation with 'dark pages' in history is crucial for any self-proclaimed democracy, that every construction of memory is a process of in-and exclusion, and that this process is inherently political.

## **Week 2 and 3** > > > >

### **The Politics of Identity**

In the second week, programmatic focus shifts from the Politics of Memory to the related Politics of Identity. Firstly, Fellows explore the discussions about the contested concept itself. Are the Politics of Identity an emancipatory phenomenon or a divisive rhetorical instrument? After the conceptual analysis Fellows continue their journey by conversing with individuals and collectives who are marginalized and discriminated against on the basis of their gender, sexuality, race or other types of background and identity. Again, as in the first week, we scrutinize processes of in- and exclusion within the larger framework of human rights, diversity, democracy and the Rule of Law, yet from a contemporary perspective.

### **Racism, Islamophobia, and Antisemitism in The Netherlands**

The enduring phenomena of racism, Islamophobia and antisemitism in Dutch society remain one of the - if not the biggest - threat to social cohesion in The Netherlands. These phenomena manifest themselves on a daily basis, in the streets, at the workplace and on social media. However, it is not just 'everyday racism' that people of color, Muslims or Jews have to cope with. The program examines how this type of discrimination is also institutional, ingrained in education, media, museums and legislation.

### **The Plight of Refugees in Europe**

Notwithstanding international law and treaties, refugees who arrive at the borders of Europe today face serious hindrances in having their rights protected. Apart from the often hazardous journey they venture upon to reach safe havens, they face lack of legal recognition, protection by law. In order to have a better understanding of the plight of refugees in Europe the Fellows shall visit a collective of 'undocumented' refugees: WE ARE HERE. The Fellows will discuss European migration policy from various angles in the following week.

### **Intersections in the Struggle for LGBTQI++ Rights**

Although Amsterdam prides itself on being called 'the gay capital' of Europe, at the same time vicious attacks on members of the LGBTQI++ community are plentiful and happen on almost a weekly basis. So despite of the progress made in the last decades, there is still a long road ahead of us, in The Netherlands, Europe, and around the globe. We will meet with activists and approach the emancipation of the LGBTQI++ community from an intersectional perspective.

## **Week 3 and 4** >> >> >>

### **The Future of Europe and the EU in a Global Context**

The Fellows started their journey in Amsterdam, discussing the Politics of Memory and the Politics of Identity. Now that we are closing in on our final destination Strasbourg, the seat of the European Parliament, we are putting the discussions of the previous weeks in the context of the EU, Europe and international relations. How does the EU - and The Netherlands as an integral part of it - deal with issues of migration, identity and diversity? Furthermore, we turn our attention to the challenges that are detrimental to the unity of this transnational governing body.

### **Migration Policy**

In line with the previous week Fellows continue the debate with selected experts on refugee and migration policy. How does the EU intend to 'control' migration flows and at the same time protect the human rights of (undocumented) refugees?

In this phase of the program we specifically focus on the issue of borders, nationality deprivation and the situation in Greece. Fellows are asked to reflect upon the inability of the international community to adequately respond to the continued refugee crisis.

### **Nationalism and Fascism on the Rise?**

Having explored nationalism and fascism from a historical perspective, Fellows now turn attention to contemporary manifestations in - and outside of - Europe. How have the nationalist and fascist movements - that have been detrimental to peace and stability in the past - found their way back into the political mainstream? Or, have they never left?

### **International Relations**

In an ever-changing geopolitical context, the EU is trying to reposition itself with the balance of power, engaging in identity politics on a macro-level. The Fellows will scrutinize the impact of the EU in discussions on international conflict and security. Is the EU still a political force to reckon with? Fellows are asked to critically reflect upon EU policy and politics in a global; context, conceptually preparing them for the international Humanity in Action conference in Strasbourg.

## **International Conference: Strasbourg** > > > >

The Humanity in Action International Conference is the annual gathering of emerging and established leaders committed to promoting human rights, diversity and active citizenship in their own communities and around the world. The 2018 International Conference will be held from July 5 to July 8 in Strasbourg, France.

The 2018 International Conference will focus on the European Union as the largest global peace project and one of the primary mechanisms for economic, political, cultural cooperation and advancement of fundamental rights in Europe. About 250 Humanity in Action current Fellows and Senior Fellows (alumni) will convene at the European Parliament in Strasbourg to explore the complex dynamics of European identity, collective memory and remembrance, as well as political, economic, and cultural collaboration. The participants will be drawn from Humanity in Action's transatlantic network of over 1,700 emerging political, social, and cultural leaders who are committed to strengthening democracy, advancing diversity, and fostering active citizenship.

The conference will include keynotes, discussions and workshops with leading European and international experts. It will also feature the annual Senior Fellow Reunion Dinner, skills training sessions, networking opportunities and tours within Strasbourg.

## 2. Getting into Action >> >> >>

Humanity in Action The Netherlands poses specific attention in the program to support Fellows to get into action. The 2018 Amsterdam Fellowship includes a wide range of lectures, workshops and site visits. In addition, emphasis is posed on personal leadership development, presentation skills and project management.

### Fellow Talks

The personal inputs of Fellows are invaluable. Therefore, each Fellow gets the opportunity and platform to enlighten the group by discussing a topic of their own choosing.

Each Fellow is offered 45 minutes to present and discuss a topic that they are passionate about in relation to the Fellowship. Everyone is free to choose their own mode of expression. The Fellow is in charge. To some, 45 minutes may seem like a long time, to others it may be too short. Fellows are asked to leave ample room for interaction and discussion.

### Workshops

Participating in the Amsterdam Fellowship allows Fellows to get educated, connected and inspired to act. Humanity in Action The Netherlands offers Fellows the conceptual and practical tools to get further empowered and engaged. A set of selected workshops is organized that will support each Fellow to get into action mode.

Fellows have registered for one of the three 'Get into Action' workshops. Filmmaker Kim van Haaster will demonstrate how one makes a documentary. Journalist Anouk Eigenraam will give a writing workshop, and David Limaverde will coach Fellows how to direct or perform an engaged theatre play.

Throughout the Fellowship Fellows are asked to work together in groups, supported by these professionals, to develop a creative presentation that demonstrates what they have learned during the program. Depending on the size of the workshop group, Fellows can decide to work as a single group (within your discipline), in smaller groups, or individually.

On Tuesday July 3, Fellows get the stage to showcase their creative presentations to selected guests.

### **3. Program Schedule >> >> >>**

## Saturday, June 9

**Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre** (see map 1)  
Stationsplein 49  
1012AB Amsterdam

**Veldstudiecentrum Hei- en Boeicop**  
Hei- en Boeicopseweg 143  
4126 RH Hei- en Boeicop  
Phone: 0031- 347 342085

8.15	All to gather at Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre – Main entrance
8.30 - 10.00	Travel to Veldstudiecentrum Hei- en Boeicop for introduction weekend Departure by charter bus
10.00 - 11.00	Introduction to the day  <i>Yannick Servais, Humanity in Action The Netherlands Program Director Laura Lasance, Humanity in Action The Netherlands National Director</i>
11.00 - 13.00	Building a community I: Interacting, Discussing, Respecting  Lorenz Narku Laing <i>Research Associate at LMU Munich, Diversity Trainer at Vielfaltsprojekte, Humanity in Action Action Senior Fellow (Berlin, 2014), member of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action Germany</i>
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 18.00	Building a Community II: Interacting, Discussing, Respecting  Lorenz Narku Laing <i>Research Associate at LMU Munich, Diversity Trainer at Vielfaltsprojekte, Humanity in Action Action Senior Fellow (Berlin, 2014), member of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action Germany</i>



18.00 - 18.30	Program Closure & Community Reflection
18.30 - 19.00	Break
19.00	Dinner

## Sunday, June 10

### Veldstudiecentrum Hei- en Boeicop

Hei- en Boeicopseweg 143

4126 RH Hei- en Boeicop

Phone: 0347 34208

7.45 - 8.30	Breakfast
8.30 - 09.00	Introduction to the day
9.00 - 11.00	Personal Leadership  Osiris Hoepel <i>Freelance Trainer, Teacher Coach, Moderator</i>
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.30	Logistics Q & A
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.00	Introduction to the Curriculum of the Fellowship Program
14.00 - 14.30	Program Closure & Community Reflection
14.30 - 16.30	Travel to Amsterdam

## Monday, June 11

### Humanity in Action Office (see map 2)

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

### Anne Frank House

Westermarkt 10 (*Please note, this is not the main entrance*)  
1016 DK Amsterdam  
Otto Frank Room

08.15 - 08.45	<p>Introduction to the day At the Humanity in Action Office</p> <p>Welcome Judith Goldstein <i>Founder and Executive Director Humanity in Action</i></p>
08.45 - 09.00	<p>Short walk To the Anne Frank House</p>
09.00 - 10.00	<p>Welcome and introduction to the mission of the Anne Frank House</p> <p>Cihan Tekeli <i>Educator and Project Manager at the Anne Frank Foundation, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Amsterdam, 2008)</i></p>
10.00 - 11.00	<p>Audio tour at the Anne Frank House</p>
11.00 - 11.15	<p>Break</p>
11.15 - 12.15	<p>The Holocaust &amp; Human Rights</p> <p>Cihan Tekeli <i>Educator and Project Manager at the Anne Frank Foundation, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Amsterdam, 2008)</i></p>

12.15 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 14.30	Discrimination, Antisemitism and Islamophobia in The Netherlands  Willem Wagenaar <i>Head Researcher at the Anne Frank Stichting</i>
14.30 - 14.45	Break
14.45 - 15.30	Fellow Talk Deniz Aktas
15.30 - 16.15	Fellow Talk Colin Burke
16.15 - 17.15	Fellows Discussion <i>Moderated by Zarah Winter and Sascha Wijnhoven</i>
17.15 - 17.30	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Tuesday, June 12

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
09.30 - 10.15	Fellow Talk Alida Cluistra
10.15 - 11.00	Fellow Talk Payton Head
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.45	<p>Theatre Performance</p> <p>Carolien Zimmerman <i>Theatre maker</i></p> <p>Fanny Heymann <i>Holocaust Survivor and lecturer</i></p>
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 15.00	<p>The Holocaust &amp; European Identity</p> <p>Ferenc Laczó <i>Assistant Professor of History at Maastricht University</i></p>
15.00 - 15.30	Break

15.30 - 16.30	May 4 National Remembrance Day: 'The Silence and the Storm'  Ilse Raaijmakers <i>Historian and Author 'The Silence and the Storm'</i>
16.30 - 17.30	Fellows Discussion <i>Moderated by Hans Wallage and Chelsea Thorpe</i>
17.30 - 17.45	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Wednesday, June 13

### **Castrum Peregrini**

Herengracht 401  
1017 BP Amsterdam

### **Humanity in Action office**

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

09.00	All to gather at Castrum Peregrini
09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
09.30 - 12.30	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Group to split in two</i></p> <p>Guided tour at Castrum Peregrini</p> <p>Reflective discussion with Judith Goldstein on victims, perpetrators and bystanders</p>
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 13.45	<p>Walk along the Amsterdam Canals</p> <p>To the Humanity in Action Office</p>
13.45 - 15.00	<p>Islamophobia in The Netherlands</p> <p>Ibtissam Abaaziz</p> <p><i>PhD candidate, Project Coordinator at Meld Islamofobie!</i></p>
15.00 - 15.15	Break

15.15 - 16.30	<p>Dutch War Crimes in Indonesia</p> <p>Marjolein van Pagee <i>Publicist in the field of the colonial history of the Netherlands</i></p> <p>Jeffry Pondaag <i>Chairman of the Dutch Honorary Duties Foundation</i></p>
16.30 - 16.45	Group Photo
16.45 - 17.30	Fellows Discussion
17.30 - 17.45	Program Closure & Community Reflection



## Thursday, June 14

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
09.30 - 10.30	Inclusive Architecture  Arna Mackic <i>Architect and founder of Studio L A</i> <i>Head of Architectural Design at Gerrit Rietveld Academy</i>
10.30 - 10.45	Break
10.45 - 12.15	Microrevolutions  Sinan Çankaya <i>Assistant Professor Cultural Anthropology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</i>
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch
13.15 - 15.15	Political Campaigning  Ilana Cukier <i>Campaign strategist at BKB Campagnebureau</i>
15.15 - 15.30	Break
15.30 - 16.30	Fellows Discussion <i>Moderated by Kevin Tang</i>
16.30 - 17.15	Fellow Talk Eva Jewett-Gatschet

17.15 - 18.00	Fellow Talk Marleen Fleers
18.00 - 18.15	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Friday, June 15

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

### Laura Lasance's home

Oosterdok 111  
1011 VZ Amsterdam

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
9.30 - 10.15	Fellow Talk Tanner
10.15 - 11.00	Fellow Talk Manisha Kalikadien
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 13.15	<p><i>Fellows to split in groups</i></p> <p>Get into Action Workshop group 1: Documentary with Kim van Haaster</p> <p>Get into Action Workshop group 2: Theatre with David Limaverde</p> <p>Kim van Haaster <i>Filmmaker and Anthropologist</i></p> <p>David Limaverde <i>Freelance Art Educator, Performer and Researcher</i></p>
13.15 - 14.15	Lunch
15.15 - 17.15	<p>Get into Action Workshop group 3: Writing with Anouk Eigenraam</p> <p>Anouk Eigenraam <i>Freelance Journalist</i></p>

17.15 - 17.30	Travel to Laura Lasance's home
17:30 - 19:00	<p>Program Surprise</p> <p><i>Please wear casual clothing suitable for outside activities</i></p>
19:00	Celebratory dinner with Humanity in Action & Host families

## Monday, June 18

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
9.30 - 10.15	Fellow Talk Stevi Kitsou
10.15 - 11.00	Fellow Talk Evelyn Mangold
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.15	Group Evaluation of Week 1
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch
13.15 - 17.15	Work on Creative Presentations <i>Yannick Servais, Humanity in Action The Netherlands Program Director</i>
17.15 - 17.30	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Tuesday, June 19

### Tropenmuseum

Linnaeusstraat 2  
1092 CK Amsterdam

### The Black Archives

Zeeburgerdijk 19B  
1093 SK Amsterdam

09.30 - 10.00	Introduction to the day At Tropenmuseum
10.00 - 12.30	Tropenmuseum visit Exhibition: 'The Present of the History of Slavery'  Wayne Modest <i>Head of Research Center for Material Culture at Tropenmuseum and professor of Material Culture and Critical Heritage Studies</i>
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch at Eritrean Community Centre
13.30 - 14.00	Travel to The Black Archives
14.00 - 15.30	Guided Tour The Black Archives & Exhibitions  Mitchell Esajas <i>Co-Founder and Chairman of New Urban Collective, Co-Founder Black Archives, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow 2016</i>
15.30 - 15.45	Break
15.45 - 16.45	Racism and activism in the Netherlands and the U.S.: A comparative perspective  Lucas Johnson <i>Civil Rights Activist, Coordinator of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR)</i>

16.45 - 17.45	Fellows Discussion <i>Moderated by Caitlin Schaap and Michiel Piersma</i>
17.45 - 18.00	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Wednesday, June 20

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
 1016 DR Amsterdam  
 Rosa Parks Room

08.30 - 09.00	Introduction to the day
09.00 - 09.30	An introduction into Identity Politics  Jacqueline Tizora <i>Student, Consultant at Recipes for Self-Love and Freelance Journalist</i>
9.30 - 10.15	Fellow Talk Michael Markodimitrakis
10.15 - 11.00	Fellow Talk Kendall Oehler
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.45	The Music and Art of Janelle Monae  Dan Hassler Forest <i>Assistant Professor English Literature at Utrecht University</i>
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 15.15	Graphic Novel: My Favourite Thing is Monsters  Dan Hassler Forest <i>Assistant Professor English Literature at Utrecht University</i>
15.15 - 15.30	Break



15.30 - 17.00	<p>On Privilege</p> <p>Inez Blanca van der Scheer  <i>Researcher and Activist, Founding Member of the University of Colour,          PhD candidate at the Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis</i></p>
17.00 - 18.00	<p>Fellows Discussion  <i>Moderated by Saša Panić and Roline Palmer</i></p>

## Thursday June 21

### CREA Cultural Student Center

Nieuwe Achtergracht 170

1018 WV Amsterdam

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
09.30 - 11.00	Black Feminist Thought  Olave Nduwanje <i>Lawyer, Writer, Activist and Politician</i>
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.45	Homonationalism  Tugba Öztemir <i>Human Rights Activist and Peer-educator</i>
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 15.15	Black Queer & Trans Resistance Movement
15.15 - 15.30	Break
15.30 - 16.30	Fellows Discussion <i>Moderated by Kendall Oehler, Deniz Aktas and Michael Markodimitrakis</i>
16.30 - 17.15	Fellow Talk Roline
17.15 - 17.30	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Friday, June 22

### CREA Cultural Student Center

Nieuwe Achtergracht 170

1018 WV Amsterdam

Rosa Parks Room

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
09.30 - 11.00	Decolonising the University and Diversity in Education  Aminata Cairo <i>Lector Inclusive Education at De Haagse Hogeschool</i>
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.45	Situational leadership  Osiris Hoepel <i>Freelance Trainer, Teacher Coach, Moderator</i>
12.45 -13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 14.45	Group Evaluation of Week 2
14.45 -16.30	Work on Creative Presentations
16.30 -16.45	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Monday, June 25

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
09.30 - 11.00	Human Rights in the Netherlands & Strategic Litigation for Activists  Jelle Klaas <i>Human Rights Lawyer and Project Coordinator for the Public Interest Litigation Project (PILP)</i>
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.00	Fellow Talk Saša Panić
12.00 - 12.45	Fellow Talk Michiel Piersma
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
15.00 - 17.00	Visit refugee collective WE ARE HERE
17.00 - 17.45	Fellows Discussion <i>Moderated by Evelyn Mangold, Colin Burke and Stevi Kitsou</i>
17.45 - 18.00	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Tuesday, June 26

### **Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre** (see map 1)

Stationsplein 49  
1012AB Amsterdam

### **Museum Witte de With**

Witte de Withstraat 50  
3012 BR Rotterdam

### **Heilige Boontjes**

Eendrachtsplein 3  
3015 LA Rotterdam

8.30	All to gather at Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre – Main entrance
8.30 - 10.30	Travel to Rotterdam by train
10.30 - 11.30	Why The Netherlands need NIDA  Nourdin El Ouali <i>NIDA, Party leader NIDA</i>
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.30 - 15.00	Visit Museum Witte de With: Decolonizing the Museum
15.00 - 15.30	Travel to Heilige Boontjes
15.30 - 17.00	Visit Heilige Boontjes: The Reintegration of Former Youth Delinquents
17.00 - 18.00	Fellows Discussion
18.00 - 18.15	Program Closure & Community Reflection

18.15

Travel back to Amsterdam

## Wednesday, June 27

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
9.30 - 10.15	Fellow Talk Caitlin Schaap
10.15 - 11.00	Community Reflection
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.30	Dutch and European Migration Policy  Paul Scheffer <i>Author and Professor European Studies at Tilburg University</i>
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 15.00	Propaganda Then and Now  Nenad Fiser <i>Philosopher, Former Research Officer and Intelligence Analyst at the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia in The Hague</i>
15.00 - 15.15	Break
15.15 - 16.15	Fellows Discussion <i>Moderated by Manisha Kalikadien, Alida Cluistra and Tanner Haughn</i>
16.15 - 16.30	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Thursday, June 28

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
9.30 - 10.15	Fellow Talk Kevin Tang
10.15 - 11.00	Fellow Talk Chelsea Thorpe
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.45	The Conservative Embrace of Progressive Values  Merijn Oudenampsen <i>Sociologist and Political Scientist</i>
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 15.15	Nationality Deprivation  Sanghita Jaghai <i>PhD Researcher at the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion</i>
15.15 - 15.30	Break
15.30 - 16.15	Fellow Talk Hans Wallage
16.15 - 17.15	Fellows Discussion <i>Moderated by Marleen Fleers, Payton Head and Eva Jewett-Gatschet</i>



17.15 - 17.30

Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Friday, June 29

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

09.00 - 09.30	Introduction to the day
09.30 - 12.30	Work on Creative Presentations
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 15.00	The Refugee Crisis in Greece  Maria Garaki <i>UNHCR Greece, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2017, Berlin)</i>
15.00 - 15.15	Break
15.15 - 16.00	Fellow Talk Sascha Wijnhoven
16.00 - 16.45	Fellow Talk Zarah Winter
16.45 - 17.00	Program Closure & Community Reflection
17.00 - 18.30	Dinner
19.00 - 22.00	Smash the Pillars Book Launch at The Black Archives

## Monday July 2

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

### The Hague and Wassenaar

Group visit to The Hague and American Embassy  
To be announced in full detail.

8.30 - 09.00	Introduction to the day
9.00 - 12.00	Preparations Fellows Event
12.00 - 12.30	Lunch
12.30 - 18.00	To be announced
18.00 - 18.15	Program Closure & Community Reflection

## Tuesday July 3

### Humanity in Action office

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

9.00 - 9.30	Introduction to the day
9.30 - 10.30	Group Evaluation of Week 3
10.30 - 12.00	Preparations Fellows Event
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 15.00	Preparations Public Fellows Event - continued
15.00 - 15.30	Break
15.30 - 18.30	<p>Fellows Event</p> <p>Fatma Koşer Kaya <i>Lawyer and politician, Former Member of Parliament and Alderwoman of Wassenaar. Chair to the Humanity in Action Netherlands Board of Directors</i></p> <p>Laura Lasance <i>National Director, Humanity in Action The Netherlands</i></p>
18:30 - 19:15	Reception
19.15 - 20.30	Dinner

## Wednesday, July 4

### **Chocolonely Foundation**

Pazzanistraat 1  
1014 DB Amsterdam

### **Humanity in Action office**

Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam  
Rosa Parks Room

9.00 - 9.30	Introduction to the day & Reflections Fellows Event  At Chocolonely Foundation
9.30 - 11.00	The Bitter Stories: Discussion on Modern Slavery and the Cocoa Industry
11.00 - 11.45	Travel to Humanity in Action Office
11.45 - 12.30	Program Closure & Community Reflection  Preparations Strasbourg International Conference
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
Afternoon	All to pack & say goodbye to host families

## Thursday, July 5

**Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre** (see map 1)  
Stationsplein 49  
1012AB Amsterdam

07.30	All to gather at main entrance Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre
08.02 - 13.27	Departure Amsterdam Central Station - Offenburg Platform 8
13.27 - 13.36	Arrival and departure in Offenburg Platform t.b.c.
13.36 - 14.06	Departure Offenburg - Strasbourg
14.06	Arrival Strasbourg

## 4. Speaker Biographies > > > >

**Aminata Cairo** is Lector Inclusive Education at De Haagse Hogeschool. She was the first Policy Officer of Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. Originally from Suriname, she was raised in The Netherlands. Aminata Cairo pursued her higher education in the United States and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education with a minor in Psychology from Berea College, and a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Eastern Kentucky University. After working several years as a therapist in community mental health she returned to the University of Kentucky to pursue a second Master's and Ph.D. Degree in Medical Anthropology with a special interest in Mental Health and Culture.

**Anouk Eigenraam** is a Freelance Journalist who works mainly for NRC Handelsblad, a national newspaper. The past 20 years she worked as a radio, video, internet, magazine and newspaper journalist. She is also a Dutch-Korean adoptee who visited South-Korea for the first time in 2014. After reuniting with her father, she became interested in the world of international adoption and the way it had impacted her life and those of other adoptees. It resulted in a book on international adoption, which she wrote during a stay of the past 7 months in Seoul.

**Arna Mackic** is an Architect and Founder of Studio L A and is head of Architectural Design at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy. She is the author of the book 'Mortal Cities & Forgotten Monuments'. She researches current societal issues – the quest for identity, contradictions between populations, mechanisms of in- and exclusion and refugees – and reflects on it by word, writings and design. She creates new forms of public domain that stimulate meetings and enforce a new collective identity. She was recently awarded the 'Maaskantprijs' for Young Architects 2017. According to the jury, Arna is 'a unifying voice, who heals the wounds of the past, without glossing over the scars'.

**Cihan Tekeli** holds degrees in philosophy and Islamic studies from the University of Leiden. Cihan is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Amsterdam, 2008). After finishing a Fellowship at the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington DC in 2009, he started working in his current position as an educator and manager at the Educational Projects department of the Anne Frank House. He works on educational programs related to peer education and teacher training in Europe, US and MENA. In the Netherlands he focuses on peer education for inmates, police trainings and Muslim-Jewish dialogue. As a co-founder, he has been a mentor supervisor for former inmates at Brotherhood Rehabilitation from 2012 through 2015.

**David Limaverde** is a Freelance Art Educator, Performer and Researcher with experience and interests in art-activism, theatre and participatory/community art methodologies. David holds a MA in Performance Studies and current PhD candidate in Arts and Education. Born in Fortaleza, Brazil, David got his Physical Theatre and Social Sciences



background in his sunny hometown, studied and performed in Beijing for 2 years. David currently lives in Amsterdam with ongoing artistic projects in the Netherlands, Brazil, Argentina and Spain. He is a member of few Art education and LGBT associations. Furthermore he is part of the Critical Cartography collective 'Barri-o', and is a Curriculum Developer at the Participatory Theatre organization PLEK-maken.

**Dan Hassler - Forest** has a background in film and television studies and English Literature. He worked for several years as a Lecturer in Media studies and English Literature at the University of Amsterdam, where he defended his dissertation on the ideological aspects of superhero films after 9/11. From 2011 until 2015, he worked as Assistant Professor in the English Literature department at the University of Amsterdam, before moving to Utrecht University in 2015. Dan is also a regular contributor to various journals and publications, including Science Fiction Film and Television, Adaptation, The Journal of Popular Culture, and Studies in Comics. He is a frequent public speaker, collaborating with many cultural institutions such as the John Adams Institute, EYE Film Museum, Felix Meritis, Spui25, De Rode Hoed, and College Club. He is also a recurring presence in the Dutch news media, giving interviews for television, radio, and the printed press on film and television culture.

**Fanny Heymann** born on 27 February 1942, fled from Germany to the Netherlands just before the beginning of the war with her mother, father, brother Alfred and sisters Esther and Bertie. In 1943, Fanny and her family were transferred to Camp Westerbork and in 1944 to Bergen-Belsen, where Fanny's father died in 1945. Just before the liberation of Bergen-Belsen, Fanny and her family were put on a train. After six long days the train stops at the small village of Farsleben, where Fanny and her family were liberated by the Americans and finally regained their freedom. Three days later, Fanny's mother died from hunger oedema and the Heymann children were put in different foster families. In recent years, Fanny Heymann has shared her personal story in schools. She wants to connect with young people and tries to show them the many aspects to a war.

**Fatma Koşer Kaya** is a Dutch lawyer and politician of Turkish origin. As a member of Democrats 66 she was an MP from September 2004 to September 2012 and from August 2015 to March 2017. She focused on social affairs. From February 2013 to June 2014 she has been an alderwoman of Wassenaar. Fatma is Chair to the Humanity in Action Netherlands Board of Directors and serves on the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action, Inc.

**Ferenc Laczó** is Assistant Professor in history at Maastricht University. He teaches courses in the European Studies BA and MA programs as well as in the Political Culture specialization within the Arts and Culture BA. He also acts as the Academic Secretary of the research group Politics and Culture in Europe. His main research interests lie in political and

intellectual history, modern and contemporary European history with a special focus on Central and Eastern Europe in the twentieth century, Jewish history and the history of the Holocaust, and questions of history and memory. He is also the author of 'Hungarian Jews in the Age of Genocide: An Intellectual History, 1929-1948' and two Hungarian-language books. Furthermore he is the Editor or Co-editor of several volumes and thematic journal issues, including 'The Holocaust in Hungary in Contexts' and 'The Genealogies of Memory'.

**Ibtissam Abaaziz** is a former Researcher at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and currently works on her PhD at Erasmus Rotterdam. She is very active in the sphere of awareness towards Islam and Islamophobia in The Netherlands and is currently the Project Coordinator of Meld Islamofobie! and in the organization of Wij blijven hier, organizations spreading awareness on the issue of Islamophobia in The Netherlands.

**Ilana Cukier** works as a Campaign Strategist at campaigning agency BKB, located in Amsterdam. BKB develops campaigns for governments, private companies and public organizations via research, consultancy, online strategy, PR and events. At BKB Ilana works among others for the ministry of Social Affairs, organizes an art & science festival and focuses on election festivals and press freedom. She studied history at the University of Amsterdam and the Humboldt Universität in Berlin with a focus on German history, Vergangenheitsbewältigung and genocides. She is a 2012 Senior Fellow.

**Ilse Raaijmakers** works at Arq (Psychotrauma Expert Group) as Policy Advisor at the Second World War program. She studied History, European Studies and German Language and Culture at Utrecht University, University of Amsterdam and the University of Vienna. In December 2014, Ilse graduated from Maastricht University on a study on the national commemoration culture of Second World War around May 4 and 5. Her expertise lies in the field of memory culture, recognition of war victims and the public processing of the Second World War in The Netherlands and Europe.

**Inez Blanca van der Scheer** is a Researcher and Activist and grew up on Aruba. She is a Founding Member of the University of Colour anti-racist collective and a former Research Assistant at the University of Amsterdam and the University of Warwick. Inez is a PhD candidate at the Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis. Her project focuses on Caribbean poetry and philosophy from a decolonial and ecocritical perspective.

**Jacqueline Tizora** is Zimbabwean born and South African bred Black radical feminist with a keen interest in African feminist thought and affairs. Currently studying Communication Science at the University of Amsterdam, Jacqueline is also a part-time consultant at Recipes

for Self Love as well as a freelance journalist. She is also a member of the University of Colour, an Amsterdam-based collective that aims to decolonise institutions, and as member has been invited to give speeches at events like the Dutch Premiere of the Winnie Documentary and participates in regular public panel discussions and debates on various issues. Being passionate about African affairs and well-versed in world politics has inspired her to make plans to pursue a Master's degree in Public Policy or International Relations in 2019, a practical way to marry the two passions.

**Jeffry Pondaag** grew up in Indonesia and has always been interested in history and the Dutch occupation of his country. In 1969, when he was 16 years old, he moved with his family from Jakarta to the Netherlands. That is when he encountered a fundamental different perspective on this same history. Since the 1990's he has actively tried to put the topic of Indonesian victimhood on the Dutch agenda. In 2005 the Committee of Dutch Honorary Debts (K.U.K.B.) was founded, of which Pondaag is the chairman. From 2008 and even now he supports Indonesian war victims in suing the Dutch state, with the assistance of Dutch human rights lawyer Liesbeth Zegveld. These lawsuits are ongoing and many have been successful, some even forcing the Dutch government to formally apologize and pay reparations. Pondaag is committed to spreading awareness of the Dutch colonial terror in Indonesia and the amnesia culture in the Netherlands.

**Jelle Klaas** is the Project Coordinator for the Public Interest Litigation Project (PILP). PILP is a two-year pilot through which the Dutch denomination of the International Commission of Jurists (NJCM) explores the possibilities of strategic litigation in the field of human rights in the Netherlands. Jelle Klaas has gained a lot of experience in the field of human rights litigation in the Netherlands. He worked at Fischer Lawyers, a law firm that specializes in socioeconomic human rights and carries out legal proceedings in the area of 'bed, bath and bread rights' for the undocumented and others who have been excluded from their basic rights. In October 2013 they won an 'immediate measure' at the European Committee of Social Rights in the case: The Protestant church against the Netherlands. They also ended up winning this case.

**Judith S. Goldstein** - Founder and Executive Director (New York). Judith S. Goldstein founded Humanity in Action in 1997 and has served as its Executive Director ever since. Under Judith'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 MA studies. Judith has written several books and articles about European and American history, art and landscape architecture. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and several boards and advisory groups. Judith grew up in Great Neck, Long Island.

**Kim van Haaster** is a Filmmaker with a background in anthropology. Her mission is to share her discoveries with others to inspire them to make a change in their lives. And she wants to bring people together and make them communicate with each other. To make these things happen she puts documentary films on social issues out into the world, and does workshops with adults and children. She also organizes events to bring film closer to the people and to engage people with different educational and cultural backgrounds. 'Play no matter what!' (2014) is her first feature documentary. Currently she is working on her next documentary project. Kim also produces short films for arts institutions, artists, and non-profit organizations.

**Laura Lasance** serves as National Director of Humanity in Action The Netherlands. Laura is a strong advocate for the empowerment of youth to contribute to positive change and sustainable development. Over the last decade, she has gained comprehensive experience in managing organizations and projects in the fields of human rights advocacy and youth across the globe. She has expertise in fostering leadership among highly diverse teams of youth and young professionals. Laura worked at the Centre for Conflict Studies (Utrecht University), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, and served as Executive Director of CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality. She successfully developed the collective advocacy platform of the International Children's Peace Prize winners. Laura serves as Supervisory Board member of dance4life international and is Co-Chair to the United Network of Young Peacebuilders. Laura has a Masters degree (cum laude) in Conflict Studies and Human Rights (Utrecht University).

**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. Narku is the Founder of Vielfaltsprojekte, a platform for Diversity-Consulting and Peer-Diversity-40 Training. He has led seminars for instance for Bread for the World and held keynotes at national conferences for front-running organizations such as Amnesty International or the Sportjugend. Narku loves moving in-between sectors and therefore interned with the United Nations Secretariat, wrote a blog for the regional Newspaper Frankfurter Neue Presse, has 4 years of experience as a social worker and had a summer job at Debevoise and Plimpton.

**Lucas Johnson** is one of the next generation civil rights activists and was mentored by Dr. Vincent Harding. He is presently located in Amsterdam and serves as the Coordinator of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), a worldwide organization committed to non-violent change of unjust political, social and economic structures.

**Maria Garaki** was born and raised in Athens, Greece and is a young professional working in the field of human rights. She holds a BA in Political Science and Public Administration from

the University of Athens, where she focused on European and international policy norms. With a fully funded tuition scholarship, she received her MA in Human Rights from the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, focusing on International and European Refugee Law. She speaks fluent Greek, English, and French. Today, Maria is working for the UNHCR in Greece in her second term at the organization during the current refugee reception crisis, both in field and administrative positions, while exploring her future academic steps. As an active member of the Hellenic League for Human Rights, she continuously participates in local human rights projects and keeps herself busy with her other interests: scouting, creative writing and travelling. Maria is a Humanity in Action Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2017).

**Marjolein van Pagine** is a professional Photographer, exhibitionist, publicist on the colonial history of The Netherlands, who also commits to readings and lectures in locations all over the world. Some of her writings were published by The Jakarta Post and the Dutch journal Nationaal Comité. Furthermore she participated numerous times in radio reportages for KRO-NCRV. Her art was to be seen in expositions all over the world, in locations such as Houston Texas, Surabaya in East Java, Jakarta and Rotterdam.

**Merijn Oudenampsen** is a Sociologist and Political Scientist. He is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Amsterdam into the political history of neoliberalism in The Netherlands. For his doctoral research he worked at the University of Tilburg, where he mapped out the ideas behind the Fortuyn revolt. He was also guest editor of the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Magazine Open, The Populist Imagination. He also edited 'Power to the People!' an anatomy of populism, together with Justus Uitermark, Rogier van Reekum and Bart van Heerikhuizen. He regularly writes essays and analyzes for the Groene Amsterdammer, Krisis, the Guide, the Slope and Socialism & Democracy.

**Mitchell Esajas** is the Co-founder and Chairman of New Urban Collective, a social enterprise that strives to empower students and young professionals with diverse backgrounds. As a Social Entrepreneur, he is involved in various social projects in the field of education, the labor market, diversity and sustainability. Mitchell studied Business Administration and Cultural Anthropology at the Vrije Universiteit (VU University) in Amsterdam. At the moment Mitchell works part time as a program manager Medical Anthropology at the University of Amsterdam. In 2012 Esajas won the ECHO WO-award, a prestigious academic award that is handed out once a year to excellent students with a non-Western background. Mitchell is Co-founder of The Black Archives. He is a 2016 Senior Fellow.

**Nenad Fiser** Teaching philosophy at the University of Sarajevo, until the war broke out in 1992 and he resettled in The Netherlands. Worked 20 years at the International Criminal

Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia in The Hague as a Research Officer and Intelligence Analyst. His specialty is in domain of acquisition of information from the Internet-based sources. His major research subject is phenomenon of propaganda, mechanisms of its work, and legal obstacles in dealing with indictable forms of propagandistic action.

**Olave Nduwanje** is a Lawyer, Activist and Politician. She is a non-binary trans femme, feminist, vegan and writer. Olave was born in Burundi and moved to The Netherlands at the age of nine. She is participating in the organization of One World and participated in the municipal elections of 2018 on behalf of the Haagse Stadspartij.

**Osiris Hoepel** works as a Freelance Trainer, Teacher Coach and Moderator and is currently a member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe. His passion in life is education on personal development, (personal) leadership and communication skills via lectures and workshops. He designs and sets up events and projects that focus on talent development, youth participation and bridge building between different groups in society. He gained leadership experience through working in a number of organisations, institutions and companies, such as In-Spe Gelderland, the Hague Academy for Local Governance and the Human Rights Institute of South Africa.

**Paul Scheffer** is a Dutch Philosopher, Author and Professor who taught at the Universiteit van Amsterdam between 2003 and 2011 and currently teaches European studies at Tilburg University. He writes regular op-ed pieces for the Dutch press such as the NRC Handelsblad. Paul Scheffer is also a prominent member of the Dutch Labour Party.

**Sangita Jaghai** is a PhD candidate at the Tilburg Law School in the department for Public Law, Jurisprudence and Legal history. Her PhD research focuses on the concept of nationality deprivation. Her thesis assesses why different forms of denationalization are deemed legitimate by States and when nationality deprivation is arbitrary under international law. This research also reflects on whether and how deprivation of nationality can have implications for the constitutional concept of citizenship.

**Sinan Çankaya** is Assistant Professor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He is a Cultural Anthropologist with a background in conflict resolution (Bradford University) and international relations/geopolitics (Université Vincennes- Saint Denis). His PhD was on the in- and exclusion processes of ethnic minority police officers (2011, Tilburg University). In 2012, Sinan published 'The Control of Martians and other Scum (De Controle van Marsmannetjes en ander Schorriemorrie)', an ethnographic study on the praxis of ethnic profiling in the Netherlands.



**Tugba Öztemir** is currently a Master's student at the University of Amsterdam and works as a Peer-educator. As a Peer-educator she teaches and discusses urgent topics, such as islamophobia, extremism, homosexuality and hatred of Jews at several primary schools in Amsterdam. She also speaks about monetary issues like finances and student loans at secondary educational institutions. As a human rights activist she can combine her passion for teaching with the discussion of pressing social issues with her pupils. Debating and promoting further thinking among pupils is a source of great satisfaction for her.

**Wayne Modest** is the Head of the Research Center for Material Culture, the research institute of the Tropenmuseum, Museum Volkenkunde and Africa Museum. He is also Professor (by special appointment) of Material Culture and Critical Heritage Studies in the faculty of humanities at the VU University Amsterdam. Modest was previously, head of the curatorial department at the Tropenmuseum, Amsterdam; Keeper of Anthropology at the Horniman Museum in London, and Director of the Museums of History and Ethnography in Kingston, Jamaica.

**Willem Wagenaar** works at the Anne Frank House and is a Researcher with the Racism & Extremism Monitor. He is specialized in right-wing extremism and racial violence, and in criminal law related to these issues. Wagenaar is the Co-Author of 'Het Lonsdalevraagstuk' in: Mieke Komen (ed.), *Straatkwaad en jeugdcriminaliteit: Naar een algemene of een etnisch specifieke aanpak* (Apeldoorn/Antwerp, 2006) and *Deradicaliseren in de praktijk* (Amsterdam/Leiden, 2009).

## 5. Fellow Bluebook >> >> >>





## **Deniz Aktaş**

Utrecht University

Deniz Aktaş (1994) is a cultural anthropology master student at Utrecht University. He has completed his bachelor degree at University College Maastricht, where he majored in sociology and cultural studies. His thesis examined the ways in which socio-economic status and impact the (re)negotiation of Turkish-descent second generation migrants' identities. His main research interests are critical race theory, whiteness, intersectionality, and disability studies. Currently, he is doing a research internship at basis voor actuele kunst, Utrecht on commons, assemblism, and activism. In his spare time, Deniz enjoys long walks on the beach at sunset.



## **Colin Burke**

Yale University

Colin Burke is a graduating senior from Yale University, majoring in political science. Colin is a proud resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent the first 18 years of his life. At Yale he was Vice President of his class council, is currently a first-year counselor, and does research on mass incarceration with a professor from the law school. He is passionate about racial justice, human rights, economics, legal theory, running, the outdoors, coffee. He has travelled abroad on another human rights based program to other countries, but is excited to learn about human rights in the Netherlands and to join the Humanity in Action Network. Next year he is working at a law firm in New York.



## **Alida “Lianne” Cluistra**

Universiteit Utrecht

Lianne Cluistra is a 27-year-old minister, student teacher, and diversity trainer. Her openness and curiosity to the world drives her to travel a lot, inside and outside the country. In connection with people she is passionate about striving for a better world in which every person has the opportunity to be themselves. This enthusiasm inspires other people to get involved. Lianne has worked in a nursing home, at schools, in religious organisations and currently works in an organisation dealing with sexual violence. Her network is her gateway to everything worthwhile in life.



## **Marleen Fleers**

Leiden University

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Marleen Fleers started studying Psychology with a minor in Intercultural and International Management. She decided to continue her study in Spain and this turned out to be a real enrichment time for her study time. She enriched her international experiences working in the board position at AIESEC, the biggest international student organization in the world and an important international platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership skills. After this great adventure, she applied for an internship at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science – Department for International Policy, and then started her Masters in International Relations. Currently, she is doing a traineeship where she works on four different internships within the government in two years. Right now, she is working for the Refugees Social Services Programme and she aspires to work within an NGO or for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She hopes to have a positive influence on society and she hopes she can inspire others to also contribute in a positive way.



## **Tanner Haughn**

Colorado College

A rising senior at Colorado College, Tanner Haughn studies English and Philosophy. While playing Division I soccer for first Texas Tech University and then her current school, she has used her platform as an athlete for reform in both NCAA policy as the female representative for the Big 12 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and also campus awareness of sexual assault as a facilitator for the One Love Foundation. She worked as an intern for the nonprofit Heartwork, where she wrote the content for their newest digital application: a 5-day challenge encouraging young persons to exercise empathy through creative means. As a peer consultant for Colorado College's Writing Center and Editorial Assistant for the school's forthcoming literary journal, Hairstreak Butterfly Review, she hopes to continue the study and practice of English after graduation within a PhD program reputable in the study of Native American or medieval literature.



## **Payton Head**

University of Missouri

A Chicago native, Payton Head holds a bachelor's in Political Science from the University of Missouri where he served as student body president. For his leadership in the Mizzou protests of 2015, he was awarded by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and featured on Teen Vogue's "How Three Students Changed the Course of History at their Universities." As a National Campus Leadership Council fellow, Head co-authored an inclusion guide for student leaders with insights from the U.S. Department of Education in 2016. Now a speaker on inclusion, intersectional identities, and race relations on American

college campuses, Payton has brought his expertise to over 40 institutions. He is a 2018-2019 fellow for the American Constitution Society and aspires to pursue civil rights law. As a Humanity in Action Fellow, Payton seeks to develop transnational cultural competency and cultivate lasting relationships with young leaders to foster global peace.



## **Eva Rose Jewett-Gatschet**

University of San Francisco

Born in Kansas City and raised in New York, Eva Rose currently studies Comparative Literature at the University of San Francisco. Her linguistic studies focus on Romance Languages, and she is passionate about applying studies of language and culture to solving social issues of inequity and injustice. Recently, in Florence, Italy, Eva presented on intersectional and Italian feminism at the Florence University of the Arts' Ninth Annual Conference. Eva is currently writing her senior thesis, in which she is performing a comparative analysis of gender construction in early 20th century Italian and Argentinian poetry. She has worked on projects in sex education, job training for the unemployed, and teaching English to immigrants. She is an avid photographer and integrates art into much of her work. After graduating, Eva plans to work abroad for a year before pursuing studies in gender and literary theory in graduate school.



## **Manisha Kalikadien**

Maastricht University

Born and raised in Utrecht, Manisha Kalikadien is a recent graduate of Maastricht University. After her BA in European Studies, she went on to complete an MSc in European Public Health and a double MSc in Public

Policy and Human Development. In addition to her activities as a Student Representative in the Education Committee, she actively participated in the interdisciplinary PREMIUM Excellence Program for graduate students. Throughout her studies, she organized interactive workshops for high school students as part of the Cross-Cultural Awareness Program in South Korea, worked as a research intern at the Directorate for Health Information and Research in Malta, and set up a collaborative project to support refugees in Serbia. She is fluent in Dutch, English and French, and is learning Serbo-Croat-Bosnian. Passionate about helping vulnerable groups in society, Manisha is particularly interested in education to increase awareness and understanding of racial disparities in the Netherlands.



## **Stavroula “Stevi” Kitsou**

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Stavroula is an advocate, holding a bachelor in Law (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), a Masters in Media (University of Sussex), while she is currently pursuing an LLM in Public International Law (National University of Athens). Having participated in a number of European and International conferences on issues ranging from freedom of expression and hate speech online to LGBTQ rights and the incarceration conditions in Greece, her interests have always been focused on politics, human rights and the politics of human rights. She has also worked as a data protection officer at Cedefop EU agency, as a legal associate at the General Secretariat for Human Rights in Greece, as a lawyer at the Greek Council for Refugees and an editor in various online magazines. She is also a rapporteur for the 'Golden Dawn Watch' initiative and a deputy board member of the board of directors of the Hellenic League for Human Rights.





## **Evelyn Mangold**

University of Miami

Evelyn Mangold was born and raised in Buffalo, and she is a rising senior at the University of Miami double majoring in Public Health and Psychology. Evelyn's greatest accomplishment while at the University of Miami was initiating a sexual assault awareness campaign titled K[NO]W More. She is also involved in a student government, a facilitator for Diversity Education and Equity Program, a member of Leadership UMiami, a sister of Chi Omega and a member of the running club. In Evelyn's free time, she enjoys running, hiking, and exploring new places. After graduation, Evelyn plans to pursue a dual degree of a Masters in Public Health and a JD. Evelyn wants to focus her career on the intersectionality of health disparities, poor health in prisons and women's empowerment.



## **Michail-Chrysovalantis Markodimitrakis**

Bowling Green State University

Michail-Chrysovalantis Markodimitrakis is a doctorate student at Bowling Green State University in American Culture Studies with a secondary concentration in Critical Race Studies. Born and raised in Iraklion Crete, he holds a BA and MA in English. He has published articles on the intersection of film, psychoanalysis, and politics. As an undergraduate, he was a member of the awarded student theatre group "Bald Theatre," and has served as independent student representative in his department faculty council. From 2014-2016 he served as a Teaching Associate for the General Studies Writing Program at BGSU, while from 2016-2018 he taught the freshman course "Introduction to Ethnic Studies." Michail has participated in several European programs concerning youth empowerment and social justice

issues, while recently he also organized a webinar on Islamophobia. His doctoral research focuses on the Mediterranean as a deadly geography for migrants, refugees, and local communities.



## **Kendall Oehler**

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Born in southern California and raised in central Wisconsin, Kendall Oehler is a graduating senior at the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a double major in Political Science and Sociology. Kendall spent a semester abroad in Utrecht during her junior year, and is currently writing a senior Honors thesis about the rise of right-wing populism in the United States. Specifically, her research seeks to understand the way the alt-right's rhetoric shapes socially constructed narratives of Mexican and Central American immigrants in the far-right and mainstream media. As the co-founder and co-president of the student organization the Accessible Reproductive Healthcare Initiative (ARHI) and an intern with the University of Wisconsin's Division of Diversity, Equity, and Educational Achievement, Kendall seeks to increase and improve equality and access at many intersections. After the University of Wisconsin, Kendall plans to earn her MPP/MSW at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy



## **Roline Palmer**

VU Amsterdam University

Roline was born and raised in The Netherlands and has a Caribbean background. She is currently a final year student at the VU Amsterdam University pursuing a Master degree in Dutch Private Law. She is also a part time teacher for a program designed by the District Attorney and students from different secondary schools

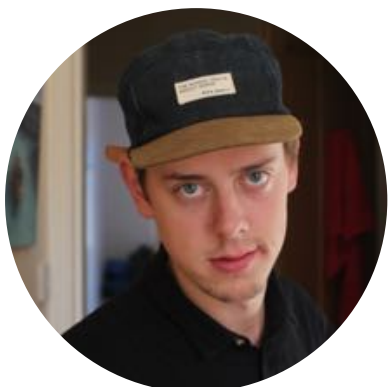
in The Netherlands. She participates in Model United Nations conferences and exchange programs and debates about social inclusion. These experiences formed her strong interest in diversity, litigation and mutual understanding. Roline stems her drive and motivation from humanity and she sees the world through a human rights lens where she believes in the equal rights of men and women and that we are all born equal.



## **Saša Panić**

University of Banja Luka

Saša Panić comes from Gradiska in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He completed his bachelor studies in Law at the University of Banja Luka and got his master's degree in Public International Law from the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law by defending master thesis "Prohibition of Hate Speech on the Internet." As a student, he was a part of Work and Travel program in the USA. He currently writes project applications for EU calls at the Development Agency of Gradiska. In his spare time, he loves to read and travel and even has his own travel blog which he updates almost regularly. Saša deeply cares about human rights and is looking forward to meeting many people of different backgrounds and to learn more about them because knowledge is the way to fight against prejudice and stereotypes.



## **Michiel Piersma**

University of Amsterdam

After completing his undergraduate degree in Political Science at the University of Amsterdam, Michiel Piersma decided to follow his passion and went on to study Nationalism Studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. What interests Michiel the most, research-wise,



are processes of normalization in society. Whether it is the effects of exclusionary political rhetoric in Bosnia-Herzegovina or The Netherlands, Michiel thinks these effects are essential in understanding current trends of polarisation in societies over the world. Now based in Amsterdam again, he works as a volunteer at the Dutch Refugee Council in a project for undocumented refugees. In the (near) future, Michiel would like to conduct a PhD project on forms of resistance in Bosnian education, and the hopes and longings of these Bosnian schoolchildren.



## **Caitlin Schaap**

Codarts

Caitlin was born from the womb of the amazone, before the age of one, she was gone. She grew up in Holland between farmland, when seasons were still parted. She studied to take care of the disabled while working, and could not deal with all the labels. Meanwhile, she was singing and loving arts, auditioned in theaters and over the years got more than one part. She spent her time on stages around the world for years; harm around the globe opened her eyes and ears. While finishing her bachelor in music at Codarts, parallel to it, was trying to understand world problems at large. Schooled on social justice cause the world seems to be led in vain, she also studied climate change. She never forgot where she was born, where waters are polluted and the ground is torn. She will fight for land rights when she returns, second to education.



## **Kevin Tang**

Hunter College

Born and raised in New York City, Kevin is a graduating senior at Hunter College, double majoring in Urban Studies and Chemistry. Studying Arabic language has taken Kevin to the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, and

Morocco. At home, he co- founded Hunter's Arabic speaking club. He previously organized summer service trips in rural Panama and currently volunteers at home with Habitat for Humanity. His interests, on the social science side, include exploring the role of municipal governance in ending social inequality. Kevin's interests on the physical science side include uncovering and addressing the relationships between human health and the environment. In the future, Kevin hopes to obtain his PhD and use science to improve the human condition, especially for the socially marginalized. In his spare time, he enjoys karate and comic book movies.



## **Chelsea Thorpe**

University of Georgia

Chelsea Thorpe is a recent graduate from the University of Georgia with majors in Criminal Justice and Economics. She has conducted ethnic conflict and radicalization research in Oxford, Singapore, and France. With U.S. Army War College, the Potomac Institute, and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, she has sought to harness safe communities that preempt armed mobilization. Chelsea has also led service-learning trips to expose her peers to human rights dialogue, specifically concerning immigration policy and veteran affairs. She currently tutors Syrian refugees and assists the Partnership for Peace Consortium in training military and political actors with countering violent extremism efforts. In the fall, Chelsea will pursue a Masters in International Security at Sciences Po in Paris, as an Emile Boutmy Scholar.



## **Hans Wallage**

Leiden University

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Hans Wallage is a rising academician with a major in History. He also spent

a semester abroad at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is involved in different political/social and academical organisations to address problems in society as inequality, discrimination and racism. He organised different congresses, meetings and events to advocate for inclusion, collaboration and fair chances in society. Next year, Hans plans to pursue a Ph.D in history focusing on Jewish history after the Second World War.



## **Sascha Wijnhoven**

Utrecht University

Born and raised in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, Sascha Wijnhoven is a young professional with a Master of Arts at the Radboud University. Next year, she starts her second master in Education in Utrecht to become a first degree arts teacher. As a trainee in social entrepreneurship, she supported community initiatives in professionalizing their enterprise and now, as a freelance workshop instructor, she promotes digital and active citizenship and personal leadership. During her four-month stay in Semarang, Indonesia, Sascha helped to build, execute and sustain a longterm kindergarten programme for underprivileged children in collaboration with a pedagogue, a child psychologist, and other local professionals. In her spare time, Sascha coaches young newcomers in Utrecht and organises a traveling Dutch language cafe for young newcomers, expats, and students. After her studies, Sascha wants to contribute to the innovation of education in The Netherlands or abroad.



## **Zarah Winter**

University of Amsterdam

Zarah was raised in both the Netherlands and in Suriname. She moved back to the Netherlands to study law at the age of 19. From a young age, she was active

in organizations that helped and supported underprivileged youth. Her dream in life is to become a human rights lawyer and activist. She is currently in last stages of her bachelor degree in law. And wants to do a Masters in International public law. During her studies she was active in multiple organizations. She worked for the UNICEF student team for almost two years. She was also a member of the United Nations Youth Council, and during that time she would set up projects about human rights and children's rights more specifically. She is also a proud member of ELSA a European law association, that supports Human rights. Currently, she is the Vice President of Academic activities of ELSA Amsterdam.

## **6. Staff Humanity in Action NL >> >> >>**



## **Laura Lasance**

National Director, Humanity in Action the Netherlands

Laura Lasance serves as National Director of Humanity in Action The Netherlands. Laura is a strong advocate for the empowerment of youth to contribute to positive change and sustainable development. Over the last decade, she has gained comprehensive experience in managing organizations and projects in the fields of human rights advocacy and youth across the globe. She has expertise in fostering leadership among highly diverse teams of youth and young professionals. Laura worked at the Centre for Conflict Studies (Utrecht University), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, and served as Executive Director of CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality. She successfully developed the collective advocacy platform of the International Children's Peace Prize winners. Laura serves as Supervisory Board member of dance4life international and is Co-Chair to the United Network of Young Peacebuilders. Laura has a Masters degree (cum laude) in Conflict Studies and Human Rights (Utrecht University).



## **Yannick Servais**

Program Coordinator, Humanity in Action the Netherlands

Yannick Servais serves as the Program Coordinator of Humanity in Action the Netherlands. Yannick has a background in Cultural Studies and European Studies. This background gave him the incentive to pursue a career in human rights education. First as a teacher at the University of Maastricht, where he taught history, philosophy and political science. Then he continued his career at the renowned political and cultural institution De Balie in Amsterdam where he organised lectures, debates, exhibitions and moderated many discussions.

To broaden his horizon even further he decided to become a freelance project manager enabling him to work in different fields with different target groups. In the past year Yannick has worked for the Reading and Writing Foundation, Movies That Matter Festival and the Stadsschouwburg in Amsterdam, working with youngsters, artists and journalists to, in one way or another, build an inclusive society. Yannick is also a board member of Stichting Breukvlakken, a foundation that promotes the cultural heritage of Sigmund Freud.



## **Gilberto Morishaw**

Program Intern, Humanity in Action the Netherlands

Born on the beautiful island of Curacao, Gilberto moved to the city of the Hague to study Public Administration at the University of Leiden. He is currently a youth council member of the Dutch Ministry of Education, president of one of his university's political parties and a Student-fellow at the university's Centre for Innovation. Next to that, he also helped co-found a youth-centric political party in the city of the Hague. He believes that young people have the power to make a clear difference in the world we are living in today. This is also the reason why he is now interning at Humanity in Action The Netherlands. He will be starting his Master's programme in International and European Governance this upcoming September.



## **Jacqueline Tizora**

Program Intern, Humanity in Action the Netherlands

Jacqueline is Zimbabwean born and South African bred Black radical feminist with a keen interest in African feminist thought and affairs. Currently studying Communication Science at the University of Amsterdam, Jacqueline is also a parttime consultant at Recipes for Self Love as well as a freelance journalist. She is also a



member of the University of Colour, an Amsterdam-based collective that aims to decolonise institutions, and as member has been invited to give speeches at events like the Dutch Premiere of the Winnie Documentary and participates in regular public panel discussions and debates on various issues. Being passionate about African affairs and well-versed in world politics has inspired her to make plans to pursue a Master's degree in Public Policy or International Relations in 2019, a practical way to marry the two passions.



## **Yanic Hoch**

Program Intern, Humanity in Action the Netherlands

Yanic Hoch is a current third year Bachelor student in the program of international studies, concentrating on socio-political relationships between the public and the government in Latin America. As an intern at the HIA Nederland he hopes to receive a deeper insight in human rights issues in Europe and their applicability to issues witnessed in the Americas, which are also to contribute to the Masters Thesis.



## **Fernanda Lai**

Program Intern, Humanity in Action the Netherlands

Having finished her B.A. in English at Williams College, Fernanda Lai is now a Herchel Smith Fellow at the University of Cambridge, finishing her M.Phil in European, Latin American Cultures and Literatures. Her dissertation focuses on the relationship between philosophical approaches towards dwelling and the contemporary refugee crisis in Europe. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from the 2015 Berlin programme, which allowed her to continue developing her passion for art, education, and activism. As a Diversity Intern at the Williams College Davis Center during her final year, Fernanda organised and facilitated



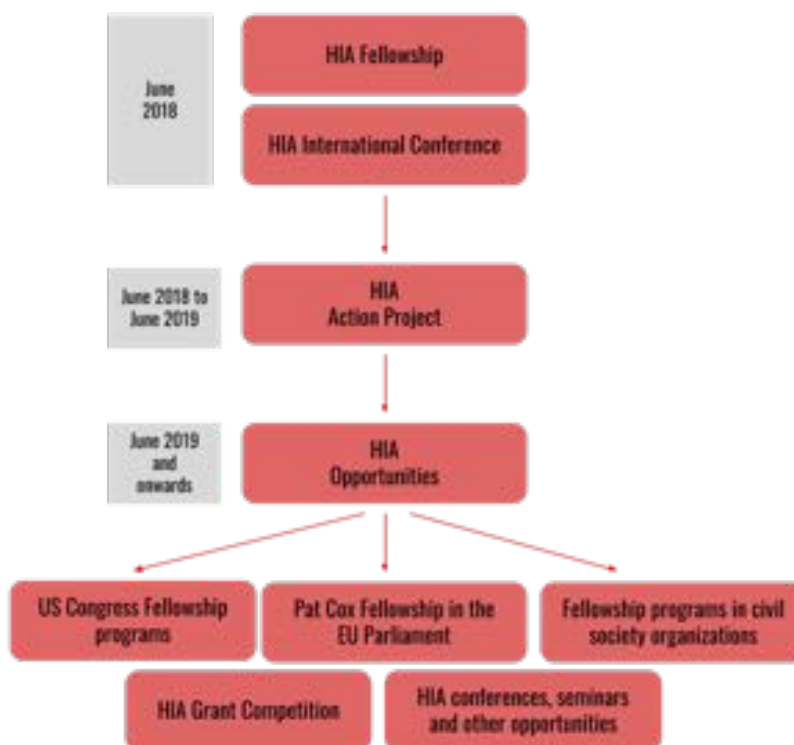
discussions on social justice issues and on the question of race representation in contemporary American poetry. After Cambridge, Fernanda plans to pursue a career in culture and heritage law.

## 7. Beyond the Fellowship >> >> >>

## A life-long engagement

The Humanity in Action Amsterdam Fellowship may only last for one month; a Fellows' engagement in the Humanity in Action network lasts for much longer.

The 2018 Humanity in Action Fellowship is your entryway into a global network of people dedicated to promoting human rights, diversity and inclusion, democracy and the rule of law. Our Senior Fellows are ambassadors of active citizenship around the world. There are many ways to engage in this vibrant and diverse network. The diagram below shows each Fellow's progression through Humanity in Action, starting with the Fellowship and International Conference, the planning and execution of the Action Project, and the Senior Fellow opportunities available to them afterwards. See more about these opportunities on our website.



## Action Projects: Turning knowledge into action

As a Humanity in Action Fellow, you get the opportunity to enrich yourself and get empowered through the Fellowship program, the other Fellows and the network as a whole. Applying and spreading your acquired knowledge and skills in an Action Project is a core element of the Fellowship experience; it allows each Fellow to put theory into practice and act for an inclusive society.

To become a Senior Fellow you must plan and implement an Action Project: a hands-on initiative inspired by your Fellowship experience. Action Projects give you the opportunity to apply what you have learned during the Fellowship and address real-life issues in your own communities.

The projects reflect each Fellow's unique experience and interests. Action Projects may take many different forms, including community service, public advocacy, art projects, lectures, conferences and social entrepreneurship.

## Stay Tuned

Humanity in Action The Netherlands invites all Fellows and Senior Fellows to stay tuned on the programs and activities of all Humanity in Action Offices.

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## 8. Practical information >> >> >>

## General Practical Information

- The Fellows shall be spending a substantial part of the program at the Humanity in Action Office in Amsterdam. At Keizersgracht 177, due to safety regulations, all irregular visitors are required to register and de-register in the visitor's book at the foyer when entering and exiting the building.
- There is wifi available at the Humanity in Action office: ai-nl-wireless (password: PrikkeldraadKaars).

## MAP 1 - Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre

### Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre

Stationsplein 49  
1012AB Amsterdam



**Walking directions:** When exiting the main entrance of Amsterdam Centraal Station (centre side), turn immediately to the right, follow the building and cross the bordering street. Stay to the right of the bicycle parking and follow the street going along. You will find the hotel to your right.

## MAP 2 - Directions to the Humanity in Action office

**Humanity in Action The Netherlands**  
Keizersgracht 177  
1016 DR Amsterdam



**Walking directions:** From Amsterdam Centraal Station to the Humanity in Action Office:

Facing away from Amsterdam Centraal Station, follow the road called *Damrak*, until you reach the *Dam* plaza in front of the royal palace. Facing the Royal Palace, pass it on the right side and follow the road between the palace and the Nieuwe Kerk. Behind these buildings you will have to cross the street and turn left, just to turn right on the next possibility onto *Raadhuisstraat*. Follow the street until you crossed two bridges. Just in front of the third, turn right and walk the last twenty meters, turn right and stand in front of the International Amnesty Building.

**Directions by Tram:** If you plan to take the tram to the Office, we recommend that you take one of the Trams 13 (in direction to Geuzenveld), 14 (in direction to Slotermeer) and 17 (in direction to Osdorp Dijkgraafplein) and get out at Westermarkt station.

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