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ABOUT

Humanity in Action is an international organization that educates, inspires, and connects emerging and established human rights leaders committed to minority rights, pluralism, and active citizenship in their own communities and beyond.

Since its founding in 1998, Humanity in Action has engaged over 1,700 young leaders in their 20s and 30s in a variety of educational human rights programs in Europe and the United States. The programs' alumni, Humanity in Action Senior Fellows, now form a unique international alumni community committed to social justice and the advancement of minority rights.

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

The Forum *Flight and Migration – Societies in Transition* is an initiative that brings together twenty-six carefully selected Humanity in Action Fellows and Senior Fellows from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United States to examine some of the challenges and opportunities for societal pluralism in the context of refugee reception and newcomer integration processes. The Forum intends to access contemporary migration-related issues beyond media headlines by offering a platform for Humanity in Action Fellows and Senior Fellows with substantial migration-related expertise – personal, professional, and academic – to reflect collectively on their own positions and practical experiences in and for the inclusion of newcomers who are seeking refuge in Europe.

The Forum seeks to act as a knowledge market place for sharing skills and expertise among the participants and through networking opportunities with Berlin-based civil society organizations, initiatives, experts, activists, and other members of the Humanity in Action community.

Through hosting this initiative, Humanity in Action seeks to assist its network members in being better equipped to engage responsibly and consciously in their communities, particularly in relation to the challenges of constantly changing pluralistic realities.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

>> Friday, November 10 Welcome

- Meeting Point: Humanity in Action, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
- 16.00-17.30 *Optional for Early Arrivals:*
Neighborhood Walk Around Prenzlauer Berg
Antje Scheidler (International Director of European Programs)
- Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
- 19.00-19.15 **Welcome by Humanity in Action Germany**
Lorenz Narku Laing (Member of the Board of Directors, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow),
Dr. Carolin Wiedemann (Member of the Board of Directors, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow),
Johannes Lukas Gartner (Director of Programs, Germany; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow),
Antje Scheidler (International Director of European Programs) and
Karam Yayha (Forum Program Consultant; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- 19.15-19.45 **Between Solidarity and Exclusion – How Germany is Handling Migration**
Introductory Forum Reflections by Dr. Carolin Wiedemann (Journalist, Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Quarterly)
- 19.45-21.00 **Welcome Reception**
With Food, Drinks, and Violin Music Performed by Azra Dizdar (Humanity in Action Fellow)

>> **Saturday, November 11** The City Seen Through The Eyes of Refugees | Setting the Forum's Stage

- Meeting Point: Pfefferbett Hostel Berlin, Christinenstraße 18-19, 10119 Berlin (accessible too via Schönhauser Allee 176)
- 10.15 (I) Departure from Pfefferbett Hostel (City Walk Neukölln)
- Starting Point (I): Karl-Marx-Straße 163 (closest subway stop: Karl-Marx-Straße, line U7)
- 11.00-13.00 **City Walk: Berlin's Neighborhood Neukölln Seen Through the Eyes of Refugees**
- Ending Point (I): Lenustraße 4, 12047 Berlin (closest subway stop: Schönleinstraße, line U8)
- 10.30 (II) Departure from Pfefferbett Hostel (City Walk Mitte)
- Starting Point (II): Checkpoint Charlie (closest subway stop: Kochstraße, line U6)
- 11.00-13.00 **City Walk: Berlin's Neighborhood Mitte Seen Through the Eyes of Refugees**
- Ending Point (II): Unter den Linden 17 (closest subway stop U6 Französische Straße)
- Location: Café Gula, Danziger Straße. 53, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
- 13.45-15.00 Lunch and Networking
- Location: Humanity in Action, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
- 15.00-15.45 **Sharing Participants' Experiences in the Field & Expectations Towards the Program**
Facilitated by Johannes Lukas Gartner and Antje Scheidler
- 15.45-16.00 Break
- 16.00-16.15 **Screening of Short Film: Make Reality**
Film by Andrew Benincasa
- 16.15-17.00 **Introduction to the Program & Sharing Humanity in Action's Expectations**
Johannes Lukas Gartner and Antje Scheidler
- 17.00-17.30 **Debriefing & Wrap Up of the Day**
- 17.30-18.30 *Optional: Office Hours For Reimbursements*

>> Sunday, November 12 Community Building | Realities of Flight

Meeting Point:	Pfefferbett Hostel Berlin, Christinenstraße 18-19, 10119 Berlin (accessible too via Schönhauser Allee 176)
10.15	Departure from Pfefferbett Hostel, Walk to the Venue
Location:	Humanity in Action, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
10.45-11.00	Introduction to the Day
11.00-11.30	Building a Community: Interacting, Discussing, Respecting Facilitated by Johannes Lukas Gartner and Antje Scheidler
11.45-13.00	Meeting the Community: Getting to Know Each Other Facilitated by Johannes Lukas Gartner and Antje Scheidler
13.00-14.30	Lunch and Networking
14.45-15.15	<i>Screening of Short Videos:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I tried to fly to London on a fake passport (BBC News)▪ The moment my dinghy sank in the Med (BBC News)
15.15-16.15	<i>Fireside Chat: The Journey</i> With Karam Yahya (Program Consultant; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow), facilitated by Georgina Rannard (Journalist, BBC News; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
16.15-16.30	Break
16.30-17.30	Reflections & Discussion Facilitated by Johannes Lukas Gartner and Antje Scheidler
17.30-18.00	Debriefing & Wrap Up of the Day

>> Monday, November 13 The International Refugee Law Regime | Refugee Identity | Welcome Culture

- Meeting Point: Pfefferbett Hostel Berlin, Christinenstraße 18-19, 10119 Berlin (accessible too via Schönhauser Allee 176)
- 09.45 Departure from Pfefferbett Hostel, Walk to the Venue
- Location: Humanity in Action, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
- 10.15-10.30 **Introduction to the Day**
- 10.30-12.15 **Workshop: Introducing the International Refugee Regime – A Legal View on Refugee Status and its Discontents**
Barbara Orth (Migration Scholar; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- 12.15-12.30 Break
- 12.30-13.00 **The Power of Getting Labeled – On Refugee Identity and Being Othered**
Karam Yahya (Program Consultant; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- 13.00-14.45 Lunch and Networking
- 15.00-16.15 **Refugees Welcome? – A Critical Analysis of Germany's "Willkommenskultur"**
Sinthujan Varatharajah (Essayist; PhD Candidate, University College London)
- 16.15-16.30 Break
- 16.30-17.30 **Reflections & Discussion**
Facilitated by Jana Gottschalk (Chief Operating Officer, CampGroup; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Noam Schimmel (Research Visitor, Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford University; Associate Fellow, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- 17.45-18.15 **Debriefing & Wrap Up of the Day**

>> Tuesday, November 14 The European Union's Refugee Reception Regime | Observations on the Rohingya Exodus

- Meeting Point: Pfefferbett Hostel Berlin, Christinenstraße 18-19, 10119 Berlin (accessible too via Schönhauser Allee 176)
- 08.15 Departure from Pfefferbett Hostel, Walk to the Venue
- Location: Humanity in Action, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
- 08.45-09.00 **Introduction to the Day**
- 09.00-10.00 **Europe's Refugee Reception Processes: Observations from Greece**
Maria Garaki (Senior Program Assistant, UNHCR Greece; Humanity in Action Fellow)
- 10.15-11.15 **Beyond the Headlines: The EU-Turkey Deal in Context**
Maximilian Popp (Journalist, Der Spiegel; Member of the Advisory Board, Humanity in Action Germany)
- 11.30-12.00 *Outdoors: Airing Mind & Body*
- 12.00-13.30 Lunch and Networking
- 13.45-14.45 **Rohingya and Beyond: Observations on Current Refugee Realities in Myanmar**
Andrew Dusek (Humanitarian Practitioner; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- 14.45-15.00 Break
- 15.00-16.00 **Reflections & Discussion**
Facilitated by Ashley Portillo (Program Manager, Academy of Medical and Public Health Services in Brooklyn, New York; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Efthymia Stathopoulou (Law Student, Athens Law School; Humanity in Action Fellow)
- 16.00-16.30 **Debriefing & Wrap Up of the Day**

>> **Wednesday, November 15** Arrival and Reception Conditions in Berlin | Innovative Housing Projects and Visions

Meeting Point: Pfefferbett Hostel Berlin, Christinenstraße 18-19, 10119 Berlin
(accessible too via Schönhauser Allee 176)

08.45 Departure from Pfefferbett Hostel, Commute to Venue

Location: Notunterkunft Paulsternstraße, Paulsternstraße 20, 13629
Berlin (closest subway stop: Paulsternstraße, line U7)

10.00-13.00 **Site Visit: Temporary Public Housing for Refugees in Berlin-
Spandau: Insights and Discussions**
Matthias Nowak (Member of the Board of Directors and
Head of Communications, TAMAJA), Residents, and Staff

13.00-14.00 Travel to Lunch Location

14.00-15.30 Lunch and Networking

Location: Pfefferwerk, Room: Balkonraum, Schönhauser Allee 176
10119 Berlin (closest subway stop U2 Senefelder Platz)

15.30-16.30 **Reflections & Discussion**
Facilitated by Javier Muñoz (PhD Candidate, University of
California Los Angeles; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
and Inès Seddiki (NGO Professional; Humanity in Action
Senior Fellow)

16.30-16.45 Break

16.45-17.45 **SuperSpace - Experimental Spaces for Temporary
Habitation**
Dr. Niklas Maak (Architect; Arts Editor, Frankfurter
Allgemeine Zeitung; Annual Visitor, Harvard University
Graduate School of Design)

17.45-18.00 Break

18.00-19.00 **Fireside Chat: Nieuw Thuis - New Home: A Rotterdam
Housing and Integration Project for and with Syrian
Refugees**
With Sanne Hettema (Head of Language, Labour Market
and Children's Development, Stichting Nieuw Thuis
Rotterdam; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow), facilitated
by Judith Scheer (Coordinator at Refugee Counseling
Office; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

19.00-19.30 **Debriefing & Wrap Up of the Day**

>> Thursday, November 16 Newcomer-led Civil Society | Empowerment

- Meeting Point: Pfefferbett Hostel Berlin, Christinenstraße 18-19, 10119 Berlin (accessible too via Schönhauser Allee 176)
- 09.00 Departure from Pfefferbett Hostel, Commute to Venues
- Location (I): The Migration HUB, Am Krögel 2, 10179 Berlin (closest subway stop: S+U Alexanderplatz, several lines)
- 09.45-10.15 *Project Visit: **The Migration Hub Network***
Hannah Wuzel (Communication and Advocacy Manager, The Migration Hub Network)
- 10.15-11.30 *Project Visit: **Bureaucrazy – Simplifying German Bureaucracy for Newcomers***
Munzer Khattab and Ghaith Zamrik (Co-Founders, Bureaucrazy)
- Location (II): Lübecker Straße 21, 10559 Berlin (closest subway stop: Birkenstraße, line U9)
- 10.00 -11.30 *Project Visit: **LouLou – Meeting Place For Old & New Neighbors***
Mariana Karkoutly (Project Manager, StadtRand gGmbH)
- 11.30-12.15 Travel to Pfefferwerk
- Location: Pfefferwerk, Room: Balkonraum, Schönhauser Allee 176 10119 Berlin (closest subway stop U2 Senefelder Platz)
- 12.15-13.00 **Debriefing about the Project Visits**
Facilitated by Johannes Lukas Gartner and Antje Scheidler
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14.15-14.45 **The European Student Union Approach – On the Impact of Re-Gaining Student Status**
Karam Yahya
- 14.45-15.45 *Panel Discussion: **Newcomer Empowerment & Community Organizing***
With Napuli Paul Langa, Zulaikha Afzali and Hamidullah Nazari (Students, Humboldt University GetMA Program), facilitated by Faith Oloruntoba (Volunteer City Editor, CafeBabel Aarhus; Humanity in Action Fellow)
- 15.45-16.15 Break
- 16.15-17.15 **Reflections & Discussion**
Facilitated by Tara Dickman (Co-Founder, Le Next Level; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Michael Keller (Attorney with a US Federal Agency; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

17.15-17.45 **Debriefing & Wrap Up of the Day**

>> Friday, November 17 Health Needs and Services |
Labor Market Access | Allyship

Location: Pfefferwerk, Room: Balkonraum, Schönhauser Allee 176
10119 Berlin (closest subway stop: Senefelder Platz, line U2)

9.45-10.00 **Introduction to the Day**

10.15-11.15 **Panel Discussion: Mental and Psychological Health Among
Refugee Populations – Realities, Needs, and Practical
Experience**

Ahmad Aghar Gdeed (Psychological and Social Counselor,
IPSO GmbH) and Maria Ntetsika (Administrative Officer,
Babel Day Center, Greece; Humanity in Action Senior
Fellow), facilitated by Benjamin Larson (Physician,
University of Pennsylvania; Humanity in Action Senior
Fellow)

11.15-11.45 **Break**

11.45-12.15 **Project Presentation: Wish for WASH – Innovation to
Sanitation**

Jasmine Burton (Founder and President, Wish for WASH;
Business Studies Officer, Toilet Board Coalition;
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

12.15-13.45 **Lunch and Networking**

14.00-15.00 **Fireside Chat: Access to the Labor Market –
Opportunities and Challenges**

With Isabel Schröer (Former Job Advisor for Asylum
Seekers, Federal Employment Agency; Humanity in Action
Senior Fellow), facilitated by Eva Degler (Migration Policy
Analyst, OECD; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

15.15-16.15 **Reflections & Discussion**

Facilitated by Laura Cahier (Co-Founder, Identités en
Mouvement; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Eliza
Rutynowska (Paralegal, Polish Society of Antidiscrimination
Law; Humanity in Action Fellow)

16.15-16.30 **Break**

16.30-18.00 **Effective and Critical Allyship for Newcomers**

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

18.00-18.30 **Walk to New Venue (see next page)**

- Location: Restaurant Zum Dritten Mann, Kollwitzstraße 87, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
- 18.30-21.00 **Networking Dinner**
With Members of the Board of Directors and Members of the Advisory Board of Humanity in Action Germany
- Location: Rhabarber, Danziger Str. 58, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
- 21.00 **Optional: Senior Fellows Happy Hour**
With Berlin-based Humanity in Action Senior Fellows

>> **Saturday, November 18** Integration Policymaking | The Conflict Kitchen | Program Evaluation

Meeting Point:	Pfefferbett Hostel Berlin, Christinenstraße 18-19, 10119 Berlin (accessible too via Schönhauser Allee 176)
10.50	Departure from Pfefferbett Hostel, Walk to Venue
Location:	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stops: Eberswalder Straße or Senefelder Platz, line U2)
11.15-11.30	Introduction to the Day
11.30-12.45	On the Characteristics of Forward-Looking Migrant-Inclusive Integration Policymaking Sidonie Fernau (Head of Diversity and Migration, Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband Hamburg)
12.45-13.00	Break
13.00-13.30	<i>Project Presentation: The Conflict Kitchen – Empowerment Through Food for Thought</i> Jarmiła Rybicka (Co-Founder, Conflict Foundation; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Paulina Milewska (CEO, Conflict Foundation; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
13.30-14.45	Late Lunch
15.00-16.00	Reflections & Discussion Facilitated by Simone Zalla Aumaj (Student, Utrecht University; Humanity in Action Fellow) and Adam Stasiak (Lawyer, Polish Drug Policy Network; Humanity in Action Fellow)
16.15-17.30	Evaluation of the Program & Wrap Up of the Day Facilitated by Johannes Lukas Gartner and Antje Scheidler

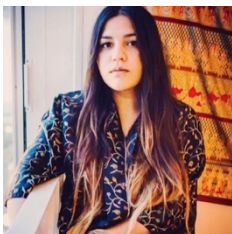
>> Sunday, November 19 Farewell Brunch

Location: Pfefferbett Hostel Berlin, Christinenstraße 18-19, 10119 Berlin
(accessible too via Schönhauser Allee 176)

10.00-12.00 **Farewell Brunch & Closing Reflections**

from 13.00 Departure of Participants

PARTICIPANT & SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



SIMONE ZALLA AUMAJ

Forum Participant
Student, Utrecht University
John Lewis Fellowship 2017

Simone Zalla Aumaj is an undergraduate student of Cultural Anthropology and Gender Studies at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. In her academic work, Simone tries to integrate her background as a second-generation refugee by challenging hegemonic discourses and providing different narratives and approaches to the concept of migration. She adheres to the concepts of situated knowledges, politics of location, and intersectionality. In her approach to migration, Simone pleads for a nomadic discourse, rather than the hegemonic sedentary discourse that lies at stake within contemporary Europe. Simone is a Humanity in Action Fellow (John Lewis Fellowship 2017).



JASMINE BURTON

Forum Speaker and Participant
Founder and President, Wish for WASH
Business Studies Officer, Toilet Board Coalition
MSc Candidate, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Warsaw Fellowship 2014

During her time in college at Georgia Tech, USA, Jasmine Burton had a host of professional points of growth through her 2012 internship with Chick-fila-A corporate, her 2013 participation in the CDC's Summer Public Health Scholars Program, her 2014 Fellowship with Humanity in Action, and her 2015 Fellowship with Global Health Corps in Lusaka, Zambia. Jasmine graduated with Highest Honors with a BS in Industrial/Product Design. Prior to graduation, she founded Wish for WASH, LLC, a social impact startup intended to bring innovation to sanitation. Jasmine continues to pursue her passion for hygienic, equitable, and sustainable sanitation as a 2016-2017 Rotary Global Grant Scholar and MSc in Public Health candidate at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She identifies as a social impact designer and seeks to utilize design thinking and business acumen to advocate for universal health particularly related to marginalized communities. Jasmine is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Warsaw Fellowship 2014).



LAURA CAHIER

Forum Participant

Co-Founder, Identités en Mouvement Lyon
Graduate Student, Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Sarajevo Fellowship 2016

Laura Cahier is a student in International Human Rights and an activist interested in the adherence of fundamental human rights. She has developed projects to raise awareness in European societies about the necessity of the welcoming, protecting, and including refugees and migrants. Laura is currently writing her thesis on migrant women and refugee rights in France, with a view to intersectional discrimination and gender-based violence. Laura believes gendered perspectives to be particularly important in discussions about inclusive policies for migrant families. She is also the Co-Founder of *Identités en Mouvement*, a photography project based in Lyon. Their exhibitions aim at creating a space for diverse people living in the same neighborhoods to meet and draw from each other, and to exchange stories. These experiences have taught Laura about the importance of bringing people together in order to speak about our common humanity and to create solidarity. Laura is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Sarajevo Fellowship 2015).



EVA DEGLER

Forum Speaker and Participant

Migration Policy Analyst, OECD
MSc Graduate, University of Oxford
Berlin Fellowship 2012

Eva Degler is currently working at the International Migration Division at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. Her main research focus has been on social mobility of migrant families, labor market integration, and anti-discrimination policies. Although this is not the focus of her current work, she is also interested in migration history, museum pedagogy, and the role of the city in facilitating the inclusion of newcomers. She holds a Liberal Arts degree from Amsterdam University College and a MS in Migration Studies from the University of Oxford. Eva is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2012).



TARA DICKMAN

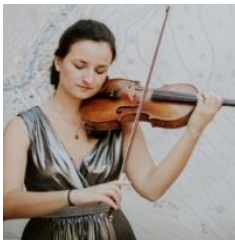
Forum Participant

Co-Founder, Le Next Level

MA Graduate, New York University

Paris Fellowship 2007

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



AZRA DIZDAR

Forum Participant and Performer

Violinist

MA Candidate, University of Sarajevo

Detroit Fellowship 2017

Azra Dizdar was born in Mostar. She pursued her aspiration for music and graduated from the Academy of Music in Sarajevo with Dr. Yeon Ju Jeong in Violin Performance. She is currently enrolled in MA studies with the same professor. Azra was awarded the annual prize of the Karim Zaimovic Foundation for immense contribution to the cultural life of Sarajevo after performing as a soloist with an orchestra and winning several chamber music competitions with various ensembles. Beside her passion for music, Azra is a member of the Student Parliament and a Student Senator at the University of Sarajevo. Due to the challenging post-war society she grew up in, she became interested in the fields of democracy and human rights from an early age. Azra went through a system of divided education based on religion and ethnicity so she is very passionate about making integrated

education a non-negotiable element in Bosnia. Azra is a Humanity in Action Fellow (Detroit Fellowship 2017).



ANDREW DUSEK

Forum Speaker and Participant
Humanitarian Practitioner
MA Graduate, Tufts University
Warsaw Fellowship 2012

Andrew Dusek is a practitioner with experience leading advocacy, communications, and policy research initiatives for organizations in the fields of humanitarian assistance and refugee protection. He most recently served as the communications officer and spokesman for UNHCR in Myanmar, where he designed and implemented the United Nations Refugee Agency's public information strategies regarding internally displaced persons, stateless persons and others of concern in Myanmar. From 2011 to 2012, he worked with refugees from Myanmar in Thailand as a member of the Burma Volunteer Program. Andrew holds an MA in International Affairs from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, USA, and degrees in journalism and international relations from the University of Montana. Andrew is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Warsaw Fellowship 2012).



SIDONIE FERNAU

Forum Speaker
Head of Diversity and Migration,
Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband, Hamburg

Sidonie Fernau is Head of the Diversity and Migration Unit at *Der Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband* in Hamburg. In this function, she is responsible, among other things, for The Intercultural Opening (IKÖ) of the Head Office in Hamburg, as well as all projects in the area of migration and flight. Sidonie Fernau conceived and directed the construction of the Migration Competence Center (KomMig) and was responsible for the conceptual design and construction of the day-care facility for transit refugees (*Bieber-Haus*) at Hamburg's main station in 2015/2016. She studied Islamic and Political Science at Ankara University, Turkey and at the University of Hamburg as well as Nonprofit Management at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Münster, Germany. Her studies covered migration and integration policies, intercultural orientation and opening-up processes of organizations and institutions and the participation and empowerment of migrants, as well as their initiatives and organizations. In addition, Sidonie Fernau is a member of the board in the Association of Binational Families and Partnerships (iaf e.V.), a member of the Think Tank 30 of the Club of Rome, and a participant in the Integration Summit of the German Federal Government.



MARIA GARAKI

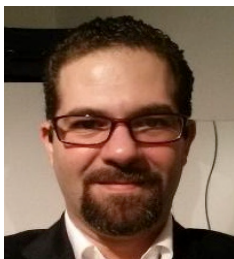
Forum Speaker and Participant

Senior Program Assistant, UNHCR Greece

MA Graduate, Central European University (CEU)

Berlin Fellowship 2017

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).



AHMAD AGHAR GDEED

Forum Speaker

Psychological and Social Counselor, IPSO GmbH

Ahmad Aghar Gdeed holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology from the Lebanese University in Beirut, Lebanon. During his time there, he was a Research Group Associate and offered counseling to patients who were suffering from multiple psychological disorders. In Damascus, Syria, Ahmad acted as a unit leader at the Arab Youth Forum International Organization from 1994 until 2005 and he owned a handmade gifts shop from 2006 until 2012. He was also a social work volunteer at the International Federation of Red Crescent Society during the civil war in Syria between 2010 and 2012. Ahmad has completed a one-year training course in psychological counseling with the International Psychosocial Organization (IPSO) and has worked in multiple asylum campuses and centers. He is currently based in Berlin, working with IPSO as a psychological and social counselor.



JANA GOTTSCHALK

Forum Participant

Chief Operating Officer, CamP Group
MA Graduate, Central European University

Berlin Fellowship 2010

Jana Gottschalk graduated from the Nationalism Studies Program at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary in 2011. She also completed an international study seminar on European migration at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Her final thesis was on the effects of European Union labor mobility on Eastern European migrants since the 2004 enlargement of the European Union. A Teach First Germany alumna, Jana taught German and cultural classes to newly arrived migrant children for two years and gained deep insights into the German educational system. Since 2014, Jana has worked at the Berlin-based social enterprise CamP Group. CamP Group develops and carries out best practice programs and teacher trainings for enhancing the social and political participation of migrant and refugee children, using sport and physical movement as drivers for social change. Jana is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2010).



SANNE HETTEMA

Forum Speaker and Participant

Head of Language, Labor Market & Child Development, SNTR Rotterdam
MSc Graduate, University of Amsterdam

New York Fellowship 2009

Sanne Hettema is the Head of Language, Labour Market and Children's Development at Stichting Nieuw Thuis Rotterdam (SNTR), an innovative integration program for Syrian refugee families in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Previously, Sanne worked as a strategy consultant at Booz & Company. Sanne holds a BA in Philosophy, a BSc in Economics, and a MSc in Business from the University of Amsterdam. Sanne is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (New York Fellowship 2009).



MARIANA KARKOUTLY

Forum Speaker

Project Manager, StadtRand gGmbH
Graduate Student, Humboldt University

Mariana Karkoutly holds a BA degree in Law from Damascus University and completed a MA Degree in Social Work and Human Rights. She is currently a student of Social Science at Humboldt University Berlin. In the past, she has worked as a paralegal and

as an executive secretary in Damascus, Syria. Now she is a project manager at StadtRand gGmbH in Berlin and particularly involved in the project *LouLou - Meeting place for old and new neighbors*. Mariana also worked as a translator at LinguaTV and as a social work professional at *BTB Bildungszentrum GmbH*. She serves as Member of the Integration Council of the Berlin district of Marzahn-Hellersdorf and participates in various activities related to the integration of refugees.



DR. MICHAEL KELLER

Forum Speaker and Participant

Attorney with a US Federal Agency
JD Graduate, Washington & Lee University

New York Fellowship 2008

Michael Keller has served as a judicial law clerk and attorney advisor with the US Department of Justice since 2014. In 2014, he graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law, where he served

as a student attorney in the Immigrant Rights Clinic and as Submissions Editor of the German Law Journal. He received a BA in Human Ecology from College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine in 2009. Traveling on a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship in 2009/2010, Michael explored refugee sense of place in Sweden, Denmark, Spain, the United Kingdom, and Ecuador. As a Charlottesville, Virginia native, he was involved with the International Rescue Committee as an intern and volunteer in assisting resettled refugees for over a decade. As a Davis Project for Peace recipient, he conducted and exhibited a photo-documentary regarding resettled refugees in 2008, titled *Asylum & Acceptance: Seeking peace in Charlottesville, Virginia*. Michael is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (New York Fellowship 2008).



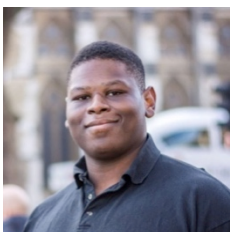
MUNZER KHATTAB

Forum Speaker

Co-Founder, Bureaucrazy

Munzer Khattab hails from Syria and he studied Architecture for two years at Teshreen University in Lattakia, Syria. He subsequently had to leave Syria and arrived in Germany, where he took up his first job as a Graphic Designer at 3pc. He was mostly working as a user interface designer. Munzer co-founded and

started the non-profit startup Bureaucrazy, which provides an app that helps users to navigate through bureaucracy in Germany. He has taken courses at the ReDI School of Digital Integration, where he completed further project work (such as for Welt24 and Daimler). Currently, Munzer works at the ReDI school as a user interface volunteer teacher.



LORENZ NARKU LAING

Forum Speaker

Member of the Board of Directors, Humanity in Action Germany

PhD Candidate, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
Berlin Fellowship 2014

Since 2014, Lorenz Narku Laing has been working as a Diversity Trainer and Antidiscrimination Consultant through the platform *Vielfaltsprojekte*. He recently commenced his PhD studies in Political Theory at LMU Munich. For his contributions as a Diversity Trainer and Board Member of Humanity in Action Germany, he was nominated *Leader of Tomorrow* by the St. Gallen Symposium and awarded the Young Leaders Bursary by the Leadership Excellence Institute Zeppelin. Narku holds a BA in Sociology with a minor in Law from the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany. During his time abroad studying at King's College London, he ran a blog and published in the regional newspaper *Frankfurter Neue Presse* on issues around diversity. Narku completed his MA in Politics, Administration and International Politics at Zeppelin University with a stay abroad at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, as a scholarship recipient of the Hans-Böckler-Foundation. Internship experiences led him to the United Nations in Geneva, to Operation Black Vote in London, and to the *Amt für multikulturelle Angelegenheiten* in Frankfurt. Narku was also engaged as Chairperson of the Black Youth of Germany and as Chairperson of the student council as well as a Member of the Senate and a Member of the Commission for Scholarships at Zeppelin University. From 2011 to 2014, he worked as educational staff in special needs schools and youth centers in Frankfurt while continuing his longstanding volunteer involvements as an American Football coach. Narku is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2014).



NAPULI PAUL LANGA

Forum Speaker

Human Rights Activist

Student, Humboldt University Berlin

Napuli Paul Langa is a human rights activist. She worked for the Sudanese Organization for Nonviolence and Development (SONAD) and is active in refugee movements in Berlin, Germany. Currently, she is studying in the Master in Social Sciences

program at Humboldt University Berlin while continuing her work in activism.



DR. BENJAMIN LARSON

Forum Speaker and Participant

Physician, University of Pennsylvania

MD, Oregon Health and Science University

Warsaw Fellowship 2008

Benjamin Larson is a physician at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA, in his final year of internal medicine residency. He attended Macalester College in Minnesota, and medical school at the Oregon Health & Science University. As part of his medical training, he works in a clinic that conducts initial and follow-up visits for newly arrived refugees, and has welcomed many of these patients into his own practice. These patients have taught him a good deal about medicine (tropical disease, psychiatric trauma), but also about the way many refugees see themselves through the prism of American politics. He is planning a career in primary care in the Philadelphia area. Ben is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Warsaw Fellowship 2008).



DR. NIKLAS MAAK

Forum Speaker

Arts Editor, *Franfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*
Architect and Annual Visitor,
Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Niklas Maak is the Arts Editor of *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, and an architecture theoretician working in Berlin. Since 2002, he has pursued parallel careers as a writer, educator, newspaper editor, architect, and visiting professor. Niklas studied Art History, Philosophy and Architecture in Hamburg, Germany and Paris, France. He completed a *Maîtrise* in 1996, studying with Jacques Derrida, on the question of the threshold, and his PhD on the work of Le Corbusier and Paul Valéry in 1998, with Martin Warnke at Hamburg University. Since then, he has undertaken continuous research on the history of mass housing, and models to re-engage with communal dwelling and collective housing. He was a visiting professor for the history and theory of architecture at Städel Schule, Frankfurt, and has taught and lectured at the Universities of Basel, Berlin and Buenos Aires. He currently teaches at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. In 2013, he co-designed and programmed, together with A77 and Pedro Gadanho of New York's MoMA, an experimental, temporary, minimal collective dwelling structure, the Colony at MoMA PS1, in Queens. In 2014, he worked with Rem Koolhaas' Biennial team as a consultant, and contributor. For his essays, Niklas has been awarded the George F. Kennan Prize (2009), the prestigious Henri Nannen Prize in Germany (2012) and the COR Prize for architectural critique (2014). His most recent publications include *Le Corbusier: the Architect on the Beach*, and *Wohnkomplex*, an investigation of the effects of fundamental technological, demographic and societal changes on housing, and *The Living Complex*, which researches concepts for a post-familial collective architecture.



PAULINA MILEWSKA

Forum Speaker and Participant

CEO, Conflict Foundation
Graduate, University of Warsaw
Berlin Fellowship 2015

Paulina Milewska is the CEO of the Conflict Foundation, which owns the Conflict Kitchen, a restaurant co-created by migrants and refugees that has received awards from, among others, the Ashoka Foundation and Social Impact. She graduated from Law School at the University of Warsaw, Poland, and spent a semester at the University of Padova, Italy as an exchange student, where she further expanded her knowledge about migration-related issues. Paulina practiced law at NGOs such as the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights as well as at private companies. She was a Board Member of Refugees Welcome Polska, the Polish brand of *Flüchtlinge Willkommen*. She also completed the Aspen Young Leaders Program in 2017. Paulina is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2015).



JAVIER MUÑOZ

Forum Participant

PhD Candidate, UCLA

Copenhagen Fellowship 2014

Javier Muñoz is a doctoral student at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)/USA, where he studies twentieth-century United States history. His research interests revolve around social movements, constructions of race, racial capitalism, colonialism and imperialism, immigration, and the African Diaspora. Born in East Los Angeles to immigrants from rural Guanajuato, Mexico, he experienced economic, social, and educational inequalities. These experiences motivated him to found a college access program meant to help underrepresented students enroll in college and learn about social justice issues. The majority of students selected to participate are the children of Mexican immigrants, live below the poverty threshold, and are directly affected by prevailing xenophobic rhetoric/policies. He hopes to learn how to better support and empower them. Javier is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Copenhagen Fellowship 2014).



HAMIDULLAH NAZARI

Forum Speaker

Student, Humboldt University Berlin

Hamidullah Nazari moved to Germany in the year 2014 as an asylum seeker. Disappointed with daily troubles and limited integration opportunities, he decided to change his field of study from Business Administration to Social Sciences. With an academic focus on refugee and migrant integration, he enrolled in the *GETMA for Refugees* initiative at Humboldt University, Berlin. He is currently pursuing his third semester and at the same time working on a self-initiated program to document the untold stories of refugees in Germany.



MARIA NTETSIKA

Forum Speaker and Participant

Administrative Officer, BABEL Day Centre
MA Graduate, National Technical University of Athens
Paris Fellowship 2014

Maria Ntetsika is an administrative officer at BABEL Day Centre, a mental health unit for migrants and refugees in Greece. Through that position, she actively participates in advocacy bodies for immigrant rights and organizes a working group focused on Mental Health and Psychosocial support. She has worked as psychosocial support officer and job consultant for people from different vulnerable social groups at the non-profit organization PRAKSIS. Maria holds a BA in Accounting and Finance from the Athens University of Economics and Business and an MA in Design, Space and Culture from the National Technical University of Athens, with a research thesis on gender and urban space, focusing on the everyday experience of trans women in the public space of Athens. Maria has volunteer experience as a street worker and a social worker at the Elaionas open hosting site for refugees in Attica with PRAKSIS. Maria is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Paris Fellowship 2014).

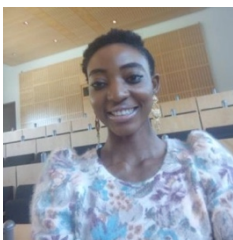


MATTHIAS NOWAK

Forum Speaker

Member of the Board of Directors and
Head of Communications, TAMAJA

Matthias Nowak is member of the Board of Directors and Head of Communications at TAMAJA. TAMAJA has been providing shelter for refugees since 2015 and is currently running two shelters and the central arrival center for refugees in Berlin. Before his role at TAMAJA, Matthias was working for five years for an international NGO and acted as the head of two emergency shelters for more than 1,000 refugees in Berlin. Previously, he worked in media organizations in Germany and Europe for about 20 years.



FAITH OLORUNTOBA

Forum Speaker and Participant
Volunteer City Editor, CafeBabel Aarhus
MA Candidate, University of Hamburg
Copenhagen Fellowship 2017

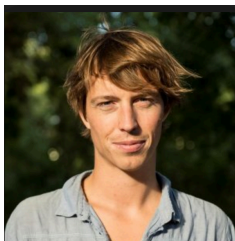
Faith Oloruntoba is a passionate young person interested in migration, media, and social justice. Born in Nigeria, she is an Erasmus Mundus student of Aarhus University, Denmark and the University of Hamburg, Germany, where she is currently completing her MA in Journalism, Media, and Globalization. She has worked as a journalist and researcher in the area of women and children's rights, public health, youth empowerment, and recently immigration policies and transnational political participation. She is a laureate of Bloomberg Africa, the UNICEF Network on Behavioral Research for Child Survival, and a UNFPA-trained First Responder in Emergencies. Currently, she is a volunteer city editor with CafeBabel Aarhus, a pan-European online news magazine, where she reports and edits political and societal stories from across Europe. Faith plans to expand her MA research on migration, politics, and transnationalism into PhD studies in Media and Migration. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Copenhagen Fellowship 2017).



BARBARA ORTH

Forum Speaker and Supporter
Project Coordinator,
German Institute of Economic Research (DIW)
MSc Graduate, University of Oxford
Berlin Fellowship 2016

Barbara Orth is a Project Coordinator for MORE, the first major study on labor market access and language acquisition of asylum seekers in Germany at the German Institute of Economic Research (DIW). She coordinates DIW's collaboration with *Start with a Friend* e.V., an initiative that facilitates friendships between locals and asylum seekers. Barbara has previously worked as the editor of the Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration Review, as a development consultant at the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) in Kathmandu/Nepal, as a researcher for the human rights council of the German Green Party, and currently volunteers on the organizing committee of the 2018 Kritnet conference in Berlin. As an undergraduate student, Barbara studied International Relations in the United Kingdom, Japan, and China, focusing on issues of international development, trade policy, and migration. She holds an MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, and is planning on investigating racial and gendered tropes in migration policies within a doctoral project. Barbara is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2016).



MAXIMILIAN POPP

Forum Speaker

Journalist, *Der Spiegel*

**Member of the Advisory Board,
Humanity in Action Germany**

Maximilian Popp is a journalist at *Der Spiegel*, where he reports on migration, racism, and Turkey. He was born in 1986 and grew up in Passau, Germany. He graduated from the Henri-Nannen-School of Journalism in Hamburg, Germany and studied International Relations in Istanbul, Turkey. Since 2010 he has been working for *Der Spiegel*, first as a reporter in Dresden, Hamburg and Berlin, and since 2016 as a correspondent in Istanbul. In 2014, Maximilian Popp was awarded the Southeast Europe Association's Journalism Prize for his reporting on Turkey. Maximilian is a member of the Advisory Board of Humanity in Action Germany.



ASHLEY PORTILLO

Forum Participant

Program Manager at the Academy of Medical and Public Health Services in Brooklyn, New York

MA Graduate, Columbia University

Diplomacy & Diversity Fellowship 2016

Ashley Portillo holds an MA of International Affairs in Human Rights and International Conflict Resolution from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, USA. A former United States Peace Corps volunteer, she taught English and implemented literacy programs in the Philippines. Ashley researched the Domestic Workers' Convention 2011 (no. 189) and the ways in which Germany can utilize it to protect the working rights of refugees considering domestic work. Currently, she works as the Program Manager for the Academy of Medical and Public Health Services in Brooklyn, New York and serves the neighborhood's largely immigrant residents by providing information about their health and legal rights. Ashley is a California native and received a BA in both Latin American Studies and International Relations from the University of California in San Diego. Her research interests include human rights advocacy in Latin America and migration and refugee issues between North and South America. Ashley is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship 2016).



PROF. DR. NIVEDITA PRASAD

Forum Speaker

Professor, Alice Salomon University
of Applied Sciences

Member of the Advisory Board,
Humanity in Action Germany

Prof. Dr. Nivedita Prasad is a Professor at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin, where she focuses on methods of social work, intersectionality and gender-specific social work. Nivedita has been particularly active on the issue of asylum seekers housing in Berlin-Hellersdorf, which has been the target of several racist attacks and far-right protests since its opening in summer 2013. Born in Madras, India, Nivedita studied Social Pedagogy at the Free University of Berlin and received her PhD from the Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg, Germany. In 2012, she was awarded the first Anne Klein Women's Award from the Heinrich Böll Foundation for her ongoing dedication to the human rights of migrant women. Prasad has been teaching at various universities in Germany, the Netherlands, and Austria since 1993. She has furthermore led trainings for police officers, judges, prosecutors, and lawyers. In 2010, she became the Director of the Social Work as a Human Rights Profession Master's program at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. Nivedita is a member of the Advisory Board of Humanity in Action Germany.



DR. GEORGINA RANNARD

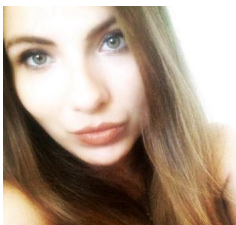
Forum Speaker and Participant

Journalist, BBC News in London

PhD Graduate, University of Edinburgh

Lantos Fellowship 2015

Georgina Rannard is a journalist at BBC News in London, United Kingdom. She works in breaking news and has produced several reports about refugee and migration-related issues in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in Europe. Before becoming a journalist, she completed a PhD at the University of Edinburgh in Global History, focusing on the economic impact of British imperialism in the Americas. Georgina is interested in exploring media representations of refugees and migration issues, in particular how to engage news audiences who increasingly react to the topic with inertia. Georgina is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Lantos Fellowship 2015).



ELIZA RUTYNOWSKA

Forum Participant

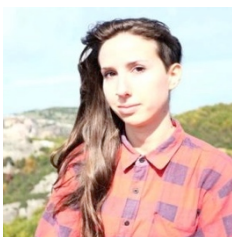
Paralegal, Society of Antidiscrimination Law

Student, University of Warsaw

Atlanta Fellowship 2017

Eliza Rutynowska was born in Warsaw, Poland and raised both there and in Maastricht, the Netherlands. She is a fifth year Law student and second year Internal Security student at the Interdisciplinary

Individual Studies in the Humanities College at the University of Warsaw. She currently works as a paralegal at the Polish Society of Antidiscrimination Law. Eliza is passionate about criminal justice and human rights and she has completed the *Innocence Project - Preventing Wrongful Convictions* workshop at the University of Warsaw. She was also an active member of the University's Legal Aid Clinic, providing legal advice for individuals in need. Eliza is a Humanity in Action Fellow (Atlanta Fellowship 2017).



JARMIŁA RYBICKA

Forum Speaker and Participant

Co-Founder, Conflict Foundation

Graduate, University of Warsaw

Warsaw Fellowship 2014

Jarmila Rybicka is a sociologist and a Co-Founder of the Conflict Foundation, a social enterprise, which supports refugees on the labor market and intends to give them a better start in their new reality. She is

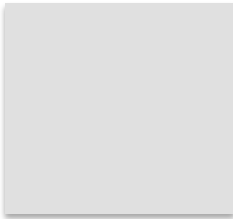
dedicated to fostering the civil rights of minorities in Poland through community organizing. She studied Human Rights and War Studies at the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, and Sociology at the University of Warsaw, Poland. Jarmila led workshops for activists and journalists from Belarus in cooperation with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Her social campaign *Invisible People* received an award from the European Council. She co-authored the *Alternative Warsaw Guidebook* for the International March for Climate and Social Justice. Between 2014 and 2016, her work with underprivileged Roma youth was awarded to be the best NGO initiative by the Municipality of Warsaw. In 2015, she worked for Humanity in Action Poland and in 2017 she coordinated the Multiplying Courageous Voices Project in Honduras. Jarmila is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Warsaw Fellowship 2014).

JUDITH SCHEER



Forum Speaker and Participant
Refugee Counseling Coordinator
Graduate, European University Viadrina
Berlin Fellowship 2015

Judith Scheer coordinates an office where refugees are able to find counseling and information on the education and labor market systems in Germany. She is responsible for internal organizational matters and the building of a district-based network initiative. While being in contact with refugees, politicians, staff at accommodations for newcomers, public administrators, volunteers, and individuals at private initiatives, Judith gains insights into different aspects of integration and asylum politics. Beforehand, she worked as an administration manager in an innovative school project for pupils in an inner city district who face multiple discriminations. Judith studied European Studies in Maastricht, the Netherlands, and Sociocultural Studies in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany. In her studies, she focused on migration, racism, gender, and intersectional studies. Furthermore, Judith is interested in remembrance and its connection to identity politics as well as environment protection. In her spare time she actively participates in a neighborhood initiative organizing demonstrations against fascists. Judith is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2015).



DR. NOAM SCHIMMEL

Forum Participant
Research Visitor, Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford University
PhD Graduate, London School of Economics and Political Science
Amsterdam Fellowship 2001

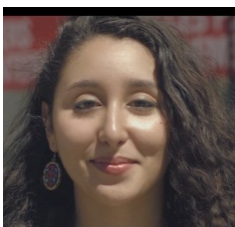
Noam Schimmel earned a PhD in Media and Communication from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE, United Kingdom) in January, 2014. He has an MS in Philosophy, Policy and Social Value from the LSE. His interdisciplinary doctoral research examined American Democratic presidential healthcare reform rhetoric, American healthcare reform policy and politics, and the human right to healthcare. He was an O'Brien Fellow in Residence and Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University Faculty of Law, Canada, where he is currently Associate Fellow. He was a Research Officer at the London School of Economics Department of Social Policy, LSE Health division, researching the human rights challenges facing internally displaced people globally in 2016. Noam is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Amsterdam Fellowship 2001).



ISABEL SCHRÖER

Forum Speaker and Participant
Former Job Advisor for Asylum Seekers,
Federal Employment Agency
Graduate, Free University of Berlin
Berlin Fellowship 2013

Isabel Schröer was introduced to Humanity in Action through her work for the documentary educational film project *with WINGS and ROOTS*, a project initiated and realized under the direction of a Humanity in Action alumna. With a great interest in the intersections of migration, societies in transitions, and matters of social justice, Isabel studied Regional African Studies and Social/Political Sciences in Berlin, Germany, and New York, USA. Freelancing as a production assistant for the German broadcaster ARD's *Hauptstadt-studio*, she followed her passion of working in journalism for six years. Isabel has been engaged in anti-racism work and the empowerment of refugees through various projects. In 2011, she took upon the legal custodianship for an unaccompanied minor in Berlin. Through her work as a job advisor for asylum seekers, Isabel recently completed a year of working within the bureaucratic system and of working with people going through that system as part of their asylum process in Germany. Isabel is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2013).



INÈS SEDDIKI

Forum Participant
NGO Professional in France
Graduate, Grenoble Graduate School of Business
Lyon Fellowship 2013

Inès Seddiki founded GHETT'UP, an organization aiming at empowering the youth from underprivileged areas of Paris, France in 2016. Her work there relates to migration and the transformation it brings to societies. Most of the populations in the *banlieues* are of North and West African descent and it is in these areas where migrants, Roma, and refugees from many different countries usually find shelter. Through her work at GHETT'UP, Inès has found that the *banlieues* and their inhabitants are really at the heart of many questions of migration. Besides, she has just graduated with a Master's degree in Corporate Social Responsibility, focusing on helping companies to improve their impact on society at large. Ines is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Lyon Fellowship 2013).



ADAM STASIAK

Forum Participant

Lawyer, Polish Drug Policy Network
Graduate, University of Warsaw

Berlin Fellowship 2017

Adam is a law graduate of University of Warsaw, Poland. He wrote his thesis at the Human Rights Institute in Warsaw. Recently, he spent time in China, where he joined Zhicheng Public Interest Law, a leading Chinese NGO that deals with migrant workers and children's rights. Issues of migration are consistently present in his professional work and volunteer engagements. At the Polish Drug Policy Network, where he works as a lawyer, he works on issues such as social justice, equality before the law, and harm reduction. He also volunteers at an informal organization supporting sex workers, a field of work very much affected by migration. Adam is a Humanity in Action Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2017).



EFTHYMIA STATHOPOULOU

Forum Participant

Student, Athens Law School

Detroit Fellowship 2017

Efthymia Stathopoulou was born and raised in Athens, Greece and has for a long time been involved in minority support groups, volunteer societies, and community centers. As a student at the Athens Law School, she has been involved in the legal assistance of asylum seekers and refugees in Athens – both in legal clinics and at NGOs. Her main front of engagement is the empowerment of this particular group of people through the provision of free legal aid and non-legal support such as accommodation and education. Efi is currently working as a coordinator of a new legal support project and is also a volunteer in an expanded network of volunteers throughout Athens. Efi is a Humanity in Action Fellow (Detroit Fellowship 2017).



SINTHUKAN VARATHARAJAH

Forum Speaker

Essayist

PhD Candidate, University College London

Sinthujan Varatharajah is a Berlin-based essayist and doctoral candidate in Political Geography at University College London, United Kingdom. Their doctoral research examines the everyday relationship between architecture and spatial politics within refugee camps in southern Germany. Sinthujan holds a Masters in Race, Ethnicity and Postcolonial Studies from the London School of Economics and a degree in Politics and Human Rights from Goldsmiths, University of London/University of Roehampton. They have previously worked as a program coordinator for refugee housing for *Flüchtlinge Willkommen* in Berlin, as an assistant to the *Kommission für Flucht & Migration* of the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Berlin, as a researcher on racial violence for the Institute of Race Relations in London, as a researcher on anti-Muslim racism in France and Belgium for Euro-Islam in London/Paris, and as the asylum desk officer for Together Against Genocide in London. Sinthujan's work and interest focuses on spatial politics, geographies of power and statelessness, some of which has been published in a number of magazines including Vice United States, Jacobin Magazine, The Funambulist, Himal Southasian, Warscapes, Missy, and many others.



DR. CAROLIN WIEDEMANN

Forum Speaker

Editor, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Quarterly*

PhD Graduate, University of Hamburg

Member of the Board of Directors,

Humanity in Action Germany

Berlin Fellowship 2010

Dr. Carolin Wiedemann works as an Editor at *Frankfurter Allgemeine Quarterly*. In her articles, she addresses new forms of power and resistance, asylum policy, racism, and sexism. After studying Journalism, Communications, and Sociology in Paris, France, and Hamburg, Germany, she received a scholarship from the German National Academic Foundation, wrote a PhD thesis about the question of subversion in times of digitization, and worked as a freelance writer for diverse German media outlets. Her publications include the book *Selbstvermarktung im Netz*, in which she analyzes Facebook, and *Depletion Design: A Glossary of Network Ecologies* (with Soenke Zehle), the dossier *Welcome to Germany*, published by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, and a book based on her PhD, *Kritische Kollektivität im Netz*. Carolin is a Co-Editor of Spheres, an online magazine about digital cultures, and a member of kritnet, a network for migration research. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2010) and a Member of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action Germany.



HANNAH WUZEL

Forum Speaker

Communication and Advocacy Manager,
Migration Hub Network

Hannah Wuzel is the Communication and Advocacy Manager at the Migration Hub Network (MHN) in Berlin. Her main task is to shape MHN as a platform for advocacy surrounding migration and entrepreneurship, and to make the movement accessible for all stakeholders. Academically, she is rooted in Human Rights, Peace Research & Conflict Transformation, with a declared motivation to foster change by promoting inclusion and bottom-up innovation. Hannah is experienced in communication and public relations as well as the non-profit world.



GHAITH ZAMRIK

Forum Speaker

Co-Founder, Bureaucrazy

Ghaith Zamrik studied General Engineering at the Higher Institute of Applied Sciences and Technology in Syria, but had to cut his studies to flee the war. He is now an Associate Software Engineer at the tech Company AKQA in Berlin, working mostly in web development and chatbots. He co-founded his own non-profit startup Bureaucrazy in Berlin, which provides an app that helps users to navigate through bureaucracy in Germany. Ghaith also worked in Syria as a translator and has done several projects at the ReDI School of Digital Integration with Daimler and Welt24.

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Director of Programs, Humanity in Action Germany
Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship 2014

Johannes Lukas Gartner works as the Director of Programs at Humanity in Action Germany. Previously, he worked in public sector consulting at Roland Berger Strategy Consultants after gaining work experience at various other places ranging from the Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social, a press freedom and civil society communications non-profit in Mexico City, to Lilofee, an independent children's toy store in Berlin-Kreuzberg. He completed internships and research visits at places including the United Nations Development Program in Panama City, the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency in Vienna, and multinational law firms in Istanbul and London. Johannes is a law graduate of King's College London, United Kingdom, as well as Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany, and an international relations graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Italy. Living in Berlin, Johannes was born and raised in Vienna, Austria. He is an alumnus of the American Field Service (Panama, 2004-05) and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship Program 2014).



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