



Study Trip: Populism, Nationalism and Extremist  
Movements in Europe  
Berlin, Germany | October 5 - 12, 2014

## **Study Trip: Populism, Nationalism and Extremist Movements in Europe**

**Humanity in Action** is an educational organization dedicated to enhancing democratic values and promoting human rights. Building from a number of fellowship programs in Europe and the United States, Humanity in Action seeks to create an enduring community among future leaders. Since its founding in 1998, Humanity in Action has engaged more than 1,400 outstanding students from the United States and Europe.

**The Study Trip:** A group of 30 university students, recent graduates and young professionals from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, The Netherlands, Poland, Ukraine and the United States will explore the issues of populism, emerging nationalism and present day forms of extremism in Europe. The program will provide a platform for the participants to learn from experts about the historical background and contemporary forms of nationalism and extremist movements in Europe, exchange experiences with activists working in the field and learn about best practice examples. The study trip will address the tensions that emerge around identity issues in different national contexts and at the European level. The international setting will allow the participants to discuss in a comparative perspective and to take the knowledge and tools they gained back to their own communities.

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## **Expectations**

*Please use the space below to write down your expectations for the program.*

**Study Trip: Populism, Nationalism and Extremist  
Movements in Europe  
Berlin, October 5 – 12, 2014**

**October 5, 2014: Participants arrive in Berlin**

Accommodation: Hotel Zarenhof, Schönhauser Allee 140, 10437 Berlin  
Check-in starting at 3 pm

Meeting Point:

16.15 Departure from the Hotel Zarenhof

Location: Humanity in Action, Seminar Room,  
Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin

17.00-17.30 **Welcome and Introduction to Humanity in Action**  
By staff and Humanity in Action Senior Fellows

17.30-18.30 **Expectations Towards the Program and  
Experiences in the Field**

18.30-19.30 **Populist Parties in the European Parliament and  
what Europeans can do about them**  
Nadja Groot, Open Society Foundation

19.30-21.00 **Welcome Dinner Reception**

**October 6, 2014:**

**Introductions**

Location:  
8.30

Hotel Zarenhof, Schönhauser Allee 140, 10437 Berlin  
Departure from the hotel

Location:

Alte Feuerwache e. V., Axel-Springer-Straße 40/41,  
10969 Berlin, Seminar Room 4

9.30-9.45

**Introduction to the Program**

9.45-10.15

**Agreeing on Ground Rules for the Week**

10.30-12.00

**"Bring an Object"- Intercultural Exchange**

12.00-13.00

Lunch

13.15-14.45

**The populist surge. Why now and how dangerous is it?**

Konstanty Gebert, Journalist, Gazeta Wyborcza,  
Poland

15.00-15.30

Coffee Break

15.30-16.30

**Debriefing & Discussion**

Moderated by Ira Stup and Brandon Tensley

16.30-17.00

Coffee Break

17.00-18.30

**Blaming Minorities and the EU in 2014**

Dr. Sergey Lagodinsky, Head of the EU / North America  
Department Heinrich Böll Foundation, Germany

18.30-19.00

Wrap-Up of the Day and Outlook for the Next Day

19.00

End of Program

**October 7, 2014:**

**The Cases of Germany and the US**

Location:

Hotel Zarenhof, Schönhauser Allee 140, 10437 Berlin

8.30

Departure from the hotel

**Historical Roots:**

**Walk the Memorial Area - Downtown Berlin**

With Anne Stalfort, Humanity in Action

9.30

Memorial to the Sinti and Roma of Europe Murdered under the National Socialist Regime

10.15

Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted Under Nazism

11.00

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

Visit the Information Center of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

12.45-13.30

Lunch

Location:

Alte Feuerwache, Axel-Springer-Straße 40/41,  
10969 Berlin, Seminar Room 4

14.30-16.00

**From the Centre to the Fringes:**

**Structural Racism in Germany**

Joshua Kwesi Aikins, Political Scientist, Germany

16.00-16.30

Coffee Break

16.30-17.30

**Debriefing & Discussion**

Moderated by Katherina Trujillo and Sara Sudetic

17.30-18.00

Coffee Break

18.00-19.15

**A Transatlantic Comparative View:**

**The Populist and Nationalist Traditions in the United States**

Anne-Lorraine Bujon, Institut des Hautes Etudes de la Justice, Institut Français des Relations Internationales, France

19.15-19.30

Wrap-up of the Day

19.30

End of Program

## October 8, 2014: The Case of Greece

<u>Location:</u>	Hotel Zarenhof, Schönhauser Allee 140, 10437 Berlin
9.30	Departure from the hotel

Location: Weiberwirtschaft, Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin,  
Room 7 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

10.00-10.15      **Introduction to the Day**

10.15-11.45 **The Crisis, Rights, Migration and the Impact of the Far Right. Why in Greece? Why now?**

Dimitris Christopoulos, Associate Professor,  
Department of Political Science and History,  
Panteion University (Athens GR) and Vice-President of  
the International Federation for Human Rights, Greece

12.00-13.00      **Debriefing & Discussion**

Moderated by Panagiota Theodoropoulou and Antonia Asimakopoulou

13.00-14.30	Lunch
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14.45-16.00 **Populism in the Media: A Journalist's Perspective on Greek-German Relations**

Katerina Oikonomakou, Journalist, Greece/Germany

16.00-16.30	Coffee Break
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**16.30-17.30                      Debriefing & Discussion**

Moderated by Anna Gkiouleka and Ava Morgenstern

17.30-17.45	Wrap-up of the Day
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18.00 End of Program



**October 9, 2014:**

**Exploring More Examples from Europe**

Location:  
8.30

Hotel Zarenhof, Schönhauser Allee 140, 10437 Berlin  
Departure from the hotel

Location:

Alte Feuerwache, Axel-Springer-Straße 40/41,  
10969 Berlin, Seminar Room 4

9.15-9.30

**Introduction to the day**

9.30-10.30

**Being Active in the Field**

- Video "*Geert Spreekt Niet Voor Mij*", Project by Spencer Heijnen, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (The Netherlands)
- *Supporting Refugees*, Tim Herbold, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Germany)
- *Fighting Hate Speech towards Roma*, Sylwia Wodzińska, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Poland)

10.45-12.15

**Populism on the Rise – A Closer Look at France**

Emilia Roig, Political Scientist, France

12.30-13.30

Lunch

13.45-14.45

**Islamophobia**

- Video "*À Juste Titre*", Project by Siham Amzile, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (France)
- *Terminology Matters - A short introduction into the use of the term Islamophobia*, Andrea Bila, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (France)
- *Interview with Ghizlane Elhendouz*, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (France)

14.45-15.00

Coffee Break

15.00-16.00

**Debriefing & Discussion**

Moderated by Olga Ziori and Senad Alibegovic

16.00-16.30

Coffee Break

16.30-17.45

**Panel Discussion:**

**Exploring more examples from Europe**

- Eefje de Kroon (The Netherlands)
- Anne Katrin Ebbesen (Denmark)
- Daniel Jezierski (Poland)
- Nadiia Mykhalevych (Ukraine)

All panelists are Humanity in Action Senior Fellows.

17.45-18.00

Wrap-up of the Day

18.00

End of Program

Assignment for the evening:

*Reflect on potential areas of action for your own involvement in civil society.*

Optional Program:

**Re:fuge!**

Location:

Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Schumannstraße 8,  
10117 Berlin (no admission fee)

20.45

Arrive at the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation

21.00

**Documentary Film "How much further"**

Belgium/Greece 2012, 47 min, with English subtitles

The documentary film was made in Athens from October 2011 to February 2012 with interviews with refugees from Afghanistan, Somalia or Sudan. After months or even years of flight they arrive in Greece, a country whose population was hit by the economic crisis especially hard. They are also coming to a country with a dysfunctional asylum system...

**October 10, 2014:**

**Best Practice Examples**

Location:

Hotel Zarenhof, Schönhauser Allee 140, 10437 Berlin

9.00

Departure from the hotel

Location:

Alte Feuerwache, Axel-Springer-Straße 40/41,  
10969 Berlin, Seminar Room 4

9.45-10.00

**Introduction to the Day**

10.00-11.10

**Film "Dübörög A Nemzeti Rock"**

("Rocking the Nation", 2007, Hungary)

11.15-12.00

**Discussion with Film Director Borbala Kriza**

12.00-13.00

Lunch

13.00-14.30

**A Berlin Neighborhood Project**

"Mitte gegen Rechts", Anna-Delia Papenberg, Humanity  
in Action Senior Fellow

14.30-14.45

Coffee Break

14.45-15.45

**Working Groups:**

**Successes, Obstacles and Failure: Sharing  
Experiences**

15.45-16.15

Coffee Break

16.15-18.45

**Community Organizing as a Powerful Tool**

Tara Dickman, Development Manager and Community  
Organizer

18.45-19.00

Wrap-up of the day

19.00

End of Program

**October 11, 2014: Action**

Location: Hotel Zarenhof, Schönhauser Allee 140, 10437 Berlin  
9.00 Departure from the hotel

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin

9.30-12.30 **Workshop: Own Your Story**  
Tara Dickman, Development Manager and Community Organizer

12.30-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.15 **Reflections on the Program and Farewell**

Optional Activities:

15.30-17.30 Guided Tour in the Reichstag / German Parliament

15.30-17.30 Guided Tour at the Berlin Wall Memorial with Miriamne Fields

**October 12, 2014 (Sunday): Departure of Participants**

## Speakers

### Joshua Kwesi Aikins

Joshua Kwesi Aikins is a political scientist and PhD candidate at the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology and a Policy Officer with *Diakonie Bundesverband*, tasked with coordinating the parallel report to Germany's state report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). He studied at Free University Berlin and University of Ghana. His research interests include the interaction between western-style and indigenous political institutions in Ghana, post- and decolonial perspectives on 'development', cultural and political representation of the African Diaspora, coloniality and the politics of memory in Germany as well as Critical Whiteness Studies.

As an academic and activist he is involved in various projects in both Germany and Ghana: As a member of the *Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland* (Initiative of Black People in Germany) as well as the *Straßeninitiative* (Street Initiative) Joshua Kwesi Aikins is involved in antiracist organising, diaspora empowerment and the ongoing struggle for a decolonial renaming of Berlin streets and a shift from colonial to anti- and decolonial commemoration in and beyond the German capital. In Ghana, his involvement spans conceptual and policy work, e.g. for the Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy (CEGENSA) at University of Ghana, work as associate researcher for the Ghana Constitution Review Commission and most recently the development and scientific lead for Ghana Vote Compass, Ghana's first Voter advice application for the December 2012 elections.

### Anne-Lorraine Bujon

A former student of the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Anne-Lorraine Bujon began her career as an American studies professor before turning her focus to the world of think tanks and civil society organizations. After serving as Director for the French branch of Humanity in Action, she is currently working to head up the Conventions initiative, a multidisciplinary research group investigating new forms of international regulation and global law, co-sponsored by the *Institut des Hautes Etudes de la Justice* (IHEJ) and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Moreover, Anne-Lorraine Bujon continues to further her research on American politics and society, and she regularly publishes editorials and analytical articles about the United States. She is an active member of the editorial board of the *Politique Américaine* and *Alternatives Internationales* magazine as well as an associate research fellow at the *Institut Français des Relations Internationales* (IFRI).

### **Dimitris Christopoulos**

Dimitris Christopoulos is an associate professor at Panteion University in Athens where he teaches public law and human rights focusing on migration, minorities and citizenship. He is the vice president of the International Federation for Human Rights ([www.fidh.org](http://www.fidh.org)). From 2003 to 2011 he chaired the board of the Hellenic League for Human Rights ([www.hlhr.gr](http://www.hlhr.gr)). Dimitris Christopoulos is frequently interviewed by international or Greek media, writes regularly in the Greek press, contributing to the promotion of a human rights awareness culture in the country, particularly within the current Greek financial crisis.

His academic publications reflect par excellence his activist interventions ([dimitrischristopoulos.blogspot.com](http://dimitrischristopoulos.blogspot.com)). His latest book, *The "deep State" and the Extreme Right in contemporary Greece – Police, Army, Church, Justice* (Nisos pub. Athens, 2014) explores the penetration of the far right in the Greek state apparatus. And English summary can be found in: <http://rosalux-europa.info/publications/books/right-wing-extremism-in-greece/>

### **Tara Dickman**

Tara Dickman works as a consultant at *Studio Praxis France*. She is the former Director of Humanity in Action France, which she left in November 2012. A Senior Fellow herself, she joined Humanity in Action after receiving an MA in comparative politics from New York University, 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. Prior to attending NYU, she

had received a BA in information and communication, studied social and cultural policies at the Institute for European Studies of Paris 8 University before doing some comparative research on race and urban politics at Brown University.

In 2010, Tara Dickman was sent on a community organizing training in Chicago as part of a US Embassy sponsored trip for young leaders from diverse backgrounds. Upon her return, she applied the methodology coordinating the first cross-organization and nation-wide campaign against abusive stop and frisk practices in France. Along with Senior Fellow Nabil Berbour and two other partners, she set up a social enterprise in March 2013. *Studio Praxis* provides consulting services in strategy, communications and development for clients who have an impact on civil rights in France and across the world, and reinvests its benefits in an Actor's Studio-based model for civil rights oriented grassroots leaders, using community organizing as its core method. Tara Dickman was a 2012 Echoing Green Finalist, a 2013 Ariane de Rothschild Social Entrepreneurship and a Interreligious Dialogue Fellow.

### **Konstanty Gebert**

Konstanty Gebert is an Associate Fellow at the European Council for Foreign Relations and an international reporter and columnist at *Gazeta Wyborcza*, Poland's largest daily newspaper. During the 1970s, he was a democratic opposition activist and organizer of the Jewish Flying University, while in the 1980s, under martial law, he was an underground journalist. He is the founder of the Polish Jewish intellectual publication *Midrasz*. Konstanty Gebert serves as a board member for the Taube Centre for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland as well as the Einstein Forum in Potsdam, Germany. He has taught in Poland, Israel and the United States. He has authored ten books, which examine topics such as the Polish democratic transformation, French policy toward Poland, the Yugoslav wars, the wars of Israel, Torah commentary and post-war Polish Jewry.

### **Nadja Groot**

Nadja Groot supports the management and coordination of research and pilot projects tackling innovative approaches to keeping societies open in Europe. She joined the Open Society Foundations in May 2011. Prior to joining the Foundations, Nadja Groot participated in a fellowship program at the European Parliament and worked with a Dutch NGO on education and minority relations in the Western Balkans. She is a board member of a youth exchange organization in the Netherlands. Nadja Groot holds a BA in educational science and development studies and an MA in international relations from the University of Amsterdam.

### **Borbala Kriza**

Borbala Kriza is a sociologist and documentary filmmaker. She obtained her M.A. in Sociology at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest and studied at the Nationalism Studies Department of CEU, Budapest and at the Center for European Studies of Sciences Po, Paris. Since 2011 she has been working for an oral history project of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Between 2007-2011 Borbala Kriza worked as a research fellow at Institute of Sociology, ELTE participating in an EU FP6 project on "Reconstituting Democracy in Europe" (RECON). In 2008, she was a junior fellow at Collegium Budapest and also a Marshall Memorial Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the US. She studied issues related to democracy, far right politics, media, gender equality, xenophobia, Antisemitism, national identity and collective memory in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans and she has contributed to research projects initiated by among others Eötvös Loránd University, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Central European University, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Central Office for Statistics in Hungary.

Borbala Kriza's work has been published in Hungarian and English. Her edited volume "Identities, Ideologies and Representations in Post-Transition Hungary" was published in 2012 (co-editor: Mária Heller, 2012, Eötvös Kiadó). She has contributed to several award winning documentary films treating social and political issues including "Once they were neighbors" (2005, director: Zsuzsanna Gellér-Varga) on the non-Jewish eyewitnesses of the Holocaust in Hungary.



Borbala Kriza's documentary film "Rocking the Nation" (2007) on the far right subculture in Hungary has been screened at numerous international film festivals around Europe and the US.

### **Dr. Sergey Lagodinsky**

Sergey Lagodinsky is the head of the EU/North America Department of the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Berlin. He is also a Fellow with the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) in Berlin. Sergey Lagodinsky's areas of expertise include transatlantic relations, global security and international law. From 2011-2012 he was an attorney with the Berlin office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. Prior to joining Orrick in 2011, he was a 2010 Yale World Fellow in residence at Yale University in New Haven. From September 2003 to February 2006, Sergey Lagodinsky was the program director at the Berlin office of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). From 2008-2009, he was a fellow with the New Responsibility Foundation. He was the founder and speaker of the Jewish Caucus in Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD), a position from which he resigned in April 2011 to become a member of the Green Party.

### **Katerina Oikonomakou**

Katerina Oikonomakou is a Greek journalist, currently based in Berlin. She runs the website [www.berlininterviews.com](http://www.berlininterviews.com), which features long interviews with artists and writers in the German capital, and is a contributor to the monthly Greek books' review "The Books' Journal". A former European Marshall Memorial Fellow and European Journalism Fellow at the Free University Berlin, she initially came to Germany to do research on the life of the late Greek Jewish cantor Estrongo Nachama. She has studied Communication and Arts Administration at Panteion University in Athens.

Katerina Oikonomakou has worked for several years for the daily press in Greece, she has written extensively on immigration politics and civil rights. Between 2010 and 2012 she was responsible for setting up and coordinating the Public Lectures Programme of the Onassis Cultural Center in Athens.

## **Emilia Roig**

Emilia Roig studied applied languages, business administration, law and public policy in Lyon, London, and Berlin. After graduating with an MBA in international law and business and a Master of Public Policy, Emilia worked for the International Labour Organisation, *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) and several local NGOs in Ecuador, Tanzania, Kenya and Cambodia.

Emilia Roig has taught seminars on intersectionality, postcolonial theory, critical race theory and law at the Free University and Humboldt University in Berlin and at the Jean Moulin University in Lyon. She was a visiting scholar at the Columbia Law School in the fall 2012. Emilia Roig is now writing her PhD dissertation in political science on the implications of the development of the private care sector on intersectional gender equality in France and Germany.

## Staff and Participants

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**Antje Scheidler**, Director  
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Antje Scheidler has been with Humanity in Action since 2002, when she became Program Director of the, then new, German Fellowship Program. She was born in East Germany and has lived for almost her entire life in Berlin, where she experienced the fall of the Berlin Wall as a teenager. She studied English and American Studies and Social Sciences at Humboldt University Berlin and the University of Toronto, and became very interested in immigration related issues and matters of social cohesion.

She worked as a researcher at Humboldt University at the Department of Demography from 2000-2007 and as editor-in-chief of the newsletter "Migration and Population" from 2000-2011.



**Anna-Delia Papenberg**, Program Coordinator  
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Anna-Delia was a Humanity in Action Fellow in Berlin in 2007 and holds a Master of Law in Transnational Law, Conflict and Justice awarded by the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London and the Bar Exam at the City of Berlin. She has extensive experience in the Human Rights sector working with the Office of the Prosecution of the International Criminal Court, the Supreme Court of Berlin, numerous Governmental and Non-Governmental Agencies in the field such as the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, Fédération Internationale des Droits des Hommes, Center for Constitutional Rights as well as several law firms in Berlin.

She is also very interested in public legal education, especially in the field of EU law and works in this context as an associate for Law for Life, London.



**Isabel Schröer**, Program Assistant  
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Isabel Schröer grew up in a small village in the West of Germany and moved out of home at the young age of sixteen to attend high school in Zimbabwe for a year. After this mind-opening and challenging year, she studied Social Sciences and Asian/African Studies in Berlin and New York. In 2011, she returned to Zimbabwe to conduct interviews for her bachelor's thesis on contemporary spoken word. Her academic work has focused on post and neocolonial studies, social injustice and institutional racism, even as she has been constantly engaged in anti-racist and critical whiteness work outside of the university.

She is involved in the transnational documentary project with WINGS and ROOTS, a project, where children of migrants share their experiences with migration, everyday racism and identity. As part of the network of custodianship for refugees AKINDA, she has assumed the custodianship for a refugee in Berlin. Still traveling the world, Berlin is where she feels at home, and she currently works as a production assistant for Germany's public broadcasting television network ARD.

## PARTICIPANTS



### **Senad Alibegovic**

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Senad is a senior at International University of Sarajevo and will graduate with a post-graduate double degree in Architecture and International Relations and Diplomacy. Before he had obtained his minor in Architectural Engineering, Senad started working with a number of prominent NGOs and other civil society organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. During this work he gained a lot of experience in the organization and management of NGO work. Amongst other duties, he provided strategic and technical guidance and organized networking events such as conferences and seminars with local as well as international cooperation partners and donors.

Furthermore, acting as a spokesperson for some of these organizations coupled with his work as a journalist have all supplemented his education and training with public application. Senad is also an activist for environmental causes and a barrier-free environment ensuring access for disabled people and has demonstrated a strong interest in human and minority rights as well as the institutional system of the European Union.



### **Antonia Asimakopoulou**

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Tonia received her Master's degree in Political Science & History from Panteion University in 2013. She describes herself as a passionate human rights activist. This is substantiated by the fact that she not only co-founded Amnesty International's student team at her home university, but also demonstrated her capabilities as an activist through her work with immi-

grants of Pakistani origin in Athens and her numerous projects with the Hellenic League for Human Rights and the European Network Against Racism (ENAR). She studied abroad in France and Kosovo and worked for the Robert Schuman Foundation in Warsaw before she commenced her current position with a Greek organization, Generation 2.0 for Rights, Equality & Diversity that deals with youth of immigrant background in Greece who struggle to reconcile their plural identities.

Tonia is very polonophile, enjoys cooking, travelling, volunteering, as well as stories of Greek emigration.



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Andrea currently finalises her PhD dissertation at the Université Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris titled "The Voice of Islam? Muslim organisations and State-Islam relations in Great Britain and France" dealing with the institutional responses to the presence of Muslim populations in these countries. She hopes that her research will help change the wider public's perception of Muslims and eliminate stereotypes.

Changing people's perception of others is crucial to make our societies more tolerant and eventually discrimination-free. A deepening worry about issues linked to multiculturalism, identity and minority rights have determined the choice of her topic.

Andrea is so involved in a number of community projects by non-governmental organisations dealing mainly with the questions of hate speech and hate-related violence, right-wing extremism and xenophobia.





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Raised in a military family and as a Third Culture Kid, Christina (Christa) Calbos is currently completing her Masters in Black Sea Cultural Studies, in Thessaloniki, Greece. After moving 13 times throughout the U.S, Italy, Greece, and The Netherlands before attending university, Christa completed her Undergraduate degree at Manhattanville College in International Studies and Global Justice. She also spent a formative semester in South Africa, in a program titled Multiculturalism and Human Rights. Additionally, while in Cape Town, she interned and conducted research with Sonke Gender Justice Network.

Christa seeks to address issues of human rights and global justice by focusing on gender and women's empowerment. Her interests led her to be a founding member of the Coalition on Violence Against Women at Manhattanville College, volunteer as a teacher's assistant in the Bedford Hills Women's Correctional Facility, and work as Campus and Youth manager for a non-profit film project called Girl Rising.

In her free time, Christa likes to write and take photographs of her travels and experiences. Once she completes her Masters dissertation, Christa would like to engage in issues of immigration and refugees within Greece.



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Born and raised in Athens, Frossyni pursued her undergraduate degree at the University of St Andrews (Scotland) where she studied International Relations and Economics, and her MSc at the University of Oxford, where she studied Sociology with a specialization on Social Movements.

The Populist Radical Right has been the focus of her research in the past two years, and as of now she has extensively examined the Greek and Swiss counterparts of this party family. She has also worked in the educational sector teaching Math in the Kent Refugee Action Network. Frossyni plans to pursue doctoral studies in Political Sociology.



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Eefje just finished her second Masters in Law at the School for Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, where she studied topics including Islamic law, Law&society in India and Pakistan, Gender and Armed Conflict and indigenous land rights. She did her dissertation in the field of the accommodation of Islamic law in the Netherlands in which she focused on the conflict/balance between the freedom of religion and women's rights. Sideways she discussed institutionalised Islamophobia. Eefje works as an independent consultant and expert author in the field of racial and religious discrimination in the Netherlands for the Open Society Foundations (XenFunds), the European Network Against Racism (ENAR), and the Dutch International Commission of Jurists (ICJ/NJCM). Eefje is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow.



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Anne Katrine Ebbesen is a Danish citizen but grew up in Sydney, Australia and moved to Denmark when she was 14. Anne received her bachelor's degree in rhetoric from the University of Copenhagen in 2011, focusing on minority studies and cross-cultural communication and conflict resolution.



Anne is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow and a Lantos Fellow from the 2014 fellowship, and worked in Washington DC as a policy advisor for Congressman Jim McDermott for four months. Anne was selected as a Danish representative in a conflict resolution and peace building dialogue-training workshop, held in Lebanon, with participants from 13 countries (2012) and is now regularly involved in local dialogue initiatives in Copenhagen municipality. She also worked for a Christian humanitarian organization, first as a fundraising strategist and then went on to spearhead the reboot of the youth department developing its vision, recruiting volunteers and coordinating social projects and events in Copenhagen – it now functions with over 50 committed volunteers and has expanded to two more regions in Denmark. Anne is currently finishing her master's degree in rhetoric, focusing on the difficult correlation between human rights lobbying, national interests and diplomatic rhetoric.

Anne is an active board member and treasurer of the Danish Humanity in Action Senior Fellow Association. Anne is passionate about minority rights (particularly in regards to religion and refugees), and very interested in foreign policy and international relations (particularly in the MENA and Pacific/Asia region).



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In her spare time, Anna enjoys experimenting with her camera and volunteering for Pride Photo Award, an annual international contest for photos about sexual and gender diversity. Anna plans to pursue a PhD in social sciences and study the effect of cultural and socio-economic distance between immigrants and natives on the rise of anti-immigrant attitudes in Europe.



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Eirini was born and raised in Andros Island, Greece. She studied Balkan Studies at the University of Western Macedonia in Florina. It was there where she first became interested in issues of exclusion, racism, and identity. Moreover, she was involved in an antiracist initiative within the university as well as with the organization of an annual antiracist festival. In 2012 she moved to the UK to study International Relations at the University of Kent, where she graduated with distinction.

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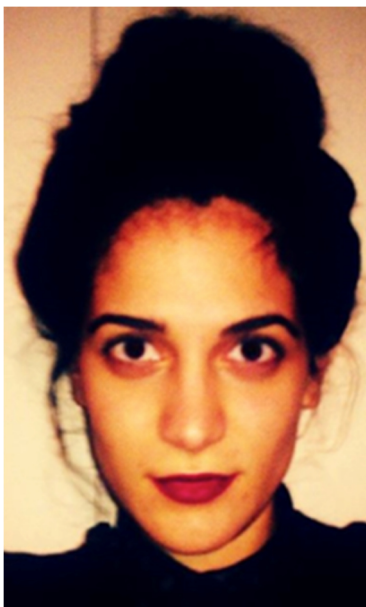
Tim Herbold graduated from Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz in 2012 with a degree in Political Science and History. From 2008 till 2012, he was an active member of the local Amnesty International group in Mainz. During this time, he organized various events, fundraisers and public speeches. Tim became the speaker of the Amnesty-District of Mainz and Wiesbaden in 2011. In the same year, he helped establish a counseling service for refugees in Mainz and also participated in the counseling sessions. Since 2012, Tim has been studying International Studies/Peace and Conflict Studies at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University in Frankfurt. There, he helped establishing an independent student discussion/ activist group that is concerned with (neo-)colonialism within International Relations and the increasing militarization of societies in general. Reflecting on critical (race) theory, Tim decided about a year ago to discontinue his activities with Amnesty. Since then, he has become an active supporter of grassroots refugee organizations, helping to organize several protests and other events in and around Frankfurt.



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Born and raised in Lublin, Poland, Daniel Jezierski graduated in History in 2009 with special interest in German-Polish relations in the 20th century. After having participated in the Humanity in Action Summer Program in Warsaw in 2010 he implemented the project "Voices from Poland: the Polish Minority Perspective". The project was awarded the 2nd prize in the second grant competition "Let's Get Down To work" by Humanity in Action Poland and the U.S. Embassy in Poland. The project also resulted in his first publication. As a member of Amnesty International, Daniel realized its educational programs in high schools giving lectures and workshops on human rights for schoolchildren. Currently he lives in Wroclaw and is the co-founder of the "Diversja" Association, which focuses on promoting diversity and tolerance organizing such events as "Human Library" for the local community.

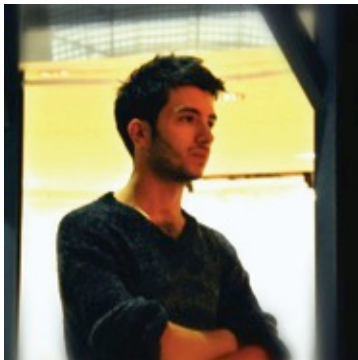


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She would like to visualize her professional future as a way to offer more to the community and to the most vulnerable parts of the population. She has worked as an intern in the Legal Department of the Greek Council for Refugees, an experience that has meaningfully enlightened her vision of social justice. She is a huge fan of theater, being herself a member of an amateurish drama club. She loves poetry and travels as often as she can.



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Born and raised in Athens, Konstantinos Koukos is a recent Marketing and Communication graduate. He studied in Athens and Bordeaux. He has developed leadership potential, aiming at positive impact on society, through his participation in AIESEC, national and local initiatives. Konstantinos has also organized "StartUp Live Athens" events focusing on social and cultural entrepreneurship and has engaged himself in initiatives fighting for human rights and against youth unemployment in Greece. He is passionate about social change, culture and arts, diversity, communication and he is constantly seeking new challenges that may drive him to fulfill his personal vision.





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Konstantinos grew up in Heraklion, Crete and is currently a senior student at the University of Athens's law school aiming to receive his LL.B in 2015. During his studies, he has shown particular interest to European and International Law courses, which is explained by his ambition to engage in EU governance. Driven by his fascination for foreign cultures, he is planning to start learning a sixth language shortly. Highly concerned but also motivated by the sociopolitical problems which have become apparent through the economic crisis which continues to jeopardies Greece's – and Europe's recovery in general – Konstantinos has participated in several conferences discussing issues of migration policy, human rights and extremism. After completing his undergraduate studies, he aspires to volunteer for a humanitarian program in Africa and to pursue a master's degrees in European public policy and EU international relations and diplomacy.



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Sara Sudetic was born in Belgrade weeks before the beginning of the Yugoslav wars, fueling her ambition to understand how identity turns to violence. She is the Associate Editor of Warscapes and a freelance writer whose work has appeared in Tehelka (New Delhi), The Telegraph (Calcutta), Le Monde (Paris) and The Heptagon Post (London). This past year, she has led "Voices of Kashmir", a grassroots project conducting digital storytelling workshops in high schools throughout the conflict-torn state of Jammu & Kashmir. She is pursuing a Masters Degree in Nationalism Studies at Central European University in Budapest after graduating from King's College London with an honors degree in War Studies and History. She focuses on developing an understanding of the formation and transformation of identity in nation-states, and the dynamics of political and gender violence in conflict areas. Her thesis is focusing on shrinking dynamics of citizenship and the evolution of religious nationalism in the former Yugoslavia, the Middle East and India.



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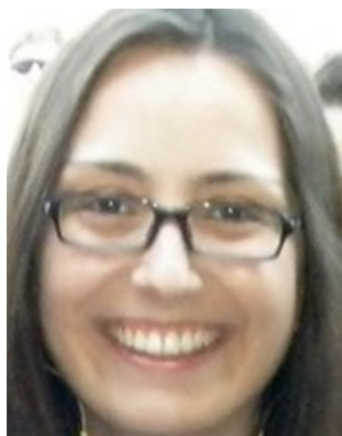
Giota was born in Greece and studied law in Athens law school. She did a master in criminal law in France and a master in human rights and democratisation in Venice and Vienna. Ever since she graduated, she devoted herself to the protection and promotion of the rights of asylum seekers and refugees in Greece, working with several NGOs and international organisations. She represented UNHCR by being a member of an asylum appeals committee and also by providing legal advice in a detention camp for migrants at the Greek-Turkish borders. She has experienced all the injustice towards undocumented migrants and refugees and their ill-treatment by extremist groups often disguised as State officials. Nevertheless, she has not lost her motivation to continue taking action to empower vulnerable groups and therefore she wishes to make PhD research on a relevant topic and at the same time find people that have the same desire and create projects that can help the above-mentioned marginalised groups.



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She has also worked as an Advocacy and Communications Associate for the National Head Start Association and a Global Fellow for Operation HOPE, an economic empowerment organization. Katherine attended the University of California, Berkeley as a Regents and Chancellor Scholar where she created an interdisciplinary major entitled, "Democracy and Revolution in Latin America and the Middle East." She is a New Leaders Council Fellow in Boston, and will be pursuing an LL.M in Gender, Conflict and Human Rights at the University of Ulster-Jordanstown as a 2015 George J. Mitchell Scholar.



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Now he is placed in the Hellenic Ministry of Defense and seeks to learn more about extremist movements and the best ways of facing the explosion of extremism due to the economic crisis. After he will have completed his studies, Spyros is planning to study for a master in strategic studies and international relations.



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After the completion of her LL.M, she worked with the Greek NGO Ecumenical Refugee Program and AITIMA where she provided legal assistance and representation for asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants. Moreover, Olga is an active member of the Committee of Human Rights at the Bar Association of her hometown and offers legal services pro bono to a local NGO called "VIA-STOP" which provides legal representation and psychological support to victims of domestic violence. She also volunteers as a translator for UNHCR and the Swiss organization TRIAL. She plans to further enhance her knowledge through a second Master's program in Management of Social Programs at Democritus University of Thrace, commencing in October 2014.



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